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IT'S KILLER KOSMINA

By LAURIE SCHWAB

John "Killer" Kosmina became a record-breaker when he scored both goals in Australia's 2-1 World Cup victory over South Korea in Sydney on Saturday.

The popular second generation Pole from South Australia has now scored six goals in his seven World Cup games — a scoring rate of .88 goals a game.

Attila Abonyi and Ray Baartz, our previous topscorers in World Cup games, have five goals each. Abonyi scored his five in 25 matches (.2 goals a game) and Baartz in 20 games (.25 goals a game.)

Kosmina is the leading scorer in the Asian World Cup qualifying group.

Having scored twice against Hong Kong in Australia's 3-0 victory in Adelaide, he has a total of four in group games.

The other scorers in the group are: Ghaloor Johani (Iran) with two goals and Murray Barnes (Australia), Hassan Rowshan (Iran) and Cha Bum Keun (South Korea) with one each. Kowk Ka Ming of Hong Kong scored an own goal for South Korea.

Kosmina has scored all his World Cup goals this year. His first was against Taiwan in Fiji when Australia won 2-1 in the second of two games, the other goal coming from Abonyi.

Kosmina's second goal was in Australia's 3-1 victory over New Zealand at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Peter Ollerton scored the other two goals.

Since making his debut for Australia in its 3-0 victory over Bologna in Adelaide last year, Kosmina has scored 12 goals for the Socceroos and been capped 15 times in full international matches.

His goals leading up to the World Cup games were:

- two against a Chinese Selection in Peking (Australia won 5-4);
- one against RSV Eindhoven in Holland (Australia lost 1-2);
- one against Red Star Belgrade in Melbourne (Australia lost 1-3);
- one against Red Star in Melbourne (Australia lost 2-3);
- one against Arsenal in Sydney (Australia won 3-1);

All this, and Kosmina, at 21, is the youngest member of the Australian squad!

Born on August 17, 1956, Kosmina turned 21 only two weeks ago. He is five months younger than the other youngster in the squad Peter Sharne of Marconi.

In national league matches his goalscoring feats have been just as devastating. He has notched 10 goals for his club, West Adelaide Hellas, which has him on loan from Polonia Adelaide, and he has a good chance of catching the league's top scorers Murray Barnes and Terry Smith of Hakoah who have 13 goals each.

Born in Semaphore, South Australia, of Polish parents, Kosmina played all his soccer for Polonia until going to Hellas on loan for $4000 early this year. His personal signing — on fee was said to be $7000.

Hellas won a major battle in signing Kosmina. The ace striker had earlier been sought by most of Australia's top clubs, notably Juventus Adelaide and Marconi.

It'll be interesting to see whether Kosmina transfers to West Adelaide Hellas permanently next year and, if so, what additional fee Polonia will demand, for Kosmina must certainly be rated among Australia's most expensive soccer properties.

Mum stayed by the TV as Polonia won the title

By Meno Toutsidis

Polonia clinched the South Australian First Division championship with a decisive 2-1 win over challengers Victoria.

Two goals by Phillip Chadwick after half time gave Polonia the title although Bobby Tuffs pulled one back late in the game.

Polonia needed only to win to claim the title while Beograd, Croatia and Victoria, all locked on 22 points and two points behind Polonia, needed to win.

A good crowd saw Victoria dominate the opening half but their forwards, who had not scored for three matches, never looked like scoring.

At half time spectators stormed inside the club rooms to see a direct telecast of the Australia v. South Korea match.

Most of them stayed on, including John Kosmina's mother, although Alex Kosmina, John's father, and Peter, his younger brother, were on the Polonia bench.

Mr. Kosmina, is secretary of Polonia, while Peter, currently injured is in his first season with the senior team.

While Polonia scored the first goal of the match in the 50th minute Kosmina had just equalised in Sydney.

Chadwick scored his second goal late in the game but Tuffs scored a consolation goal for Victoria a minute from the end.

It was the third successive time that Polonia has ended the season with a win over Victoria at Blair Athol, Victoria's home ground.

In 1975 Polonia beat Victoria 5-0 with John Kosmina getting a hat-trick to give Polonia their second title in history and last year Kosmina got another three goals as Polonia won 3-0.

Kosmina had planned to see his former side play Victoria as he does every week but he was, of course, in Sydney on the most important day of the season.

Crucial games for big league giants

One of the most crucial weeks of the national league season starts tonight (Wednesday) when Alexander meets Western Suburbs in Sydney and Marconi takes on Canberra City in Canberra.

Marconi must beat Johnny Warren's team to regain league leadership from Hakoah. Alexander must beat Wests to climb into third place.

Both Marconi and Alexander face a second steep hurdle on Sunday.

Marconi faces up to Wests at Marconi Oval and Alexander will be tackled by rampaging Footscray J.U.S.T. at Olympic Park.

Meanwhile, Hakoah will have to beat Les Scheinflug's Brisbane Lions in the early game at Wentworth Park on Sunday to maintain its pressure on Marconi.

If Hakoah loses to Lions and Marconi beats both Canberra and Wests, Marconi's lead at the top will be three points with three games to play.

But if Hakoah wins, the difference between the two leaders will still be one point.

The other remaining matches of each team are:

MARCONI: V Sydney Olympic (away), v Alexander (home) and v J.U.S.T. (away);

HAKOAH: V Canberra (away), v Western Suburbs (home) v. Sydney Olympic (away).

Alexander and J.U.S.T. are vying for the honor of finising as Melbourne's top team. While it's not as important as winning the championship, it nevertheless carries a fair share of prestige.

J.U.S.T. has been reinforced by striker **Dragan Vasic** from Yugoslav Second Division club Maribor, where he scored many goals. **John Nicolaides** retained his position in the team last week, meaning that these two plus **Joe Palinkas** and **Mundo Ristovski** constitute a four-man goalscoring force.

But Alexander's strikers — **Gary Cole** and **Branko Buljevic**, supported by **Jim Campbell** and **Andy Bozikas** — and pack more punch as the record shows Cole has scored nine goals and Buljevic eight whereas Ristovski has scored six and Palinkas 5.

Last time they met Alexander won 2-0 with a goal by Jim Campbell and an own goal by Jim Kriaris.

Kriaris, who used to be captain of Alexander, will get the job of marking Buljevic, who used to play for J.U.S.T.

By the way, J.U.S.T coach Cedo Cirkovic was coach of Alexander in 1971.

He's our youngest Socceroo

Rothmans $250 for best goalie

The Rothman's goalkeeper award goes to the goalkeeper who appears most often in the State League team of the week.

This week's top goalkeeper is HANS VAN DER POEL (pictured) of Altona.

Leaders:
5 Van der Poel (Altona)
4 Lou Denys (Green Gully)
3 Peter Clarke (Slavia)
2 Peter Laumets (Preston)

STANDINGS

	HOME					AWAY						
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	G	P
Hakoah-Easts	6	3	2	26	15	5	6	0	22	12	48:27	31
Marconi	6	3	2	12	8	6	3	1	21	9	33:17	30
Adel. Juventus	6	2	2	16	6	4	4	4	17	15	33:21	26
West Subs	3	5	2	16	9	6	2	3	16	12	32:21	25
Fitz Alexander	7	2	2	22	16	2	5	3	11	13	33:29	25
St. George	4	6	1	16	10	1	7	3	14	18	30:28	23
Footscray JUST	6	3	1	17	9	2	3	7	9	18	26:27	22
W. Adel. Hellas	3	5	4	17	18	3	4	3	12	8	29:26	21
Sth. Melb. Hellas	3	4	4	10	10	4	3	4	15	18	25:28	21
Sydney Olympic	5	2	4	16	15	2	3	6	6	15	22:30	19
Brisbane Lions	5	3	3	15	13	2	2	7	8	22	23:35	19
Brisbane City	5	3	3	12	7	1	3	7	10	20	22:28	18
Canberra City	2	2	6	11	15	2	3	6	8	17	19:32	13
Mooroolbark	2	5	5	17	23	1	0	9	5	25	22:48	11

For this week's matches see Back Page.

National League team of week

In brackets: Total number of appearances in team of week.

MARSHALL (1) (Juventus)

PARK (1) (Lions) — WILSON (3) (Wests) — ECHEVERRIA (2) (Brisb C.) — WILLIAMS (5) (St George)

BOZIKAS (1) (Alexander) — BARNES (3) (Hakoah) — FAIRBROTHER (1) (M'bark)

ELLERTON (1) (SM-Hellas) — BULJEVIC (2) (Alexander)

The Riversdale Travel award, a trip for two to Surfer's Paradise for the best player in the State League:

George Cross v Altona
3. van der Poel (Altona)
2. Gramsbergen (Altona)
1. Taylor (Altona)

George Cross v Hakoah
3. Barron (George Cross)
2. Murphy (George Cross)
1. Blair (Hakoah)

Green Gully v Polonia
3. Wisniewski (Polonia)
2. Sierokowski (Polonia)
1. Donaldson (G.G.A.)

Lions v Frankston
3. Davidson (Lions)
2. Kerr (Lions)
1. Culina (Lions)

Green Gully v Slavia
3. Clarke (Slavia)
2. Segi (Green Gully)
1. Symington (Slavia)

Preston v Polonia
3. Flaherty (Preston)
2. McClymont (Preston)
1. Dykun (Polonia)

Ringwood v Hakoah
3. Garthwaite (Ringwood)
2. Blair (Hakoah)
1. Passman (Ringwood)

Sunshine v Juventus
3. Mussel (Sunshine)
2. Watkins (Juventus)
1. Nelson (Sunshine)

Riversdale Award leaders.
20. Bannon (Juventus), Rainey (Hakoah)
19. Irvine (Frankston)
18. Watkins (Juventus)
15. Pocock (Sunshine)
14. Gramsbergen (Altona)

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This week's votes

FITZROY ALEXANDER 1 (Buljevic 82nd.) ADELAIDE JUVENTUS 0 at Olympic Park, crowd about 5500.

Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

ALEXANDER: Blasby 6, V. Bannon 7, Provan 6, O'Reilly 7, McMillan 7, Bozikas 9, P. Bannon 6, Taylor 6, Campbell 7, Cole 7, Buljevic 9.

JUVENTUS: Marshall 9, Fraser 7, Matic 6, B. Nyskohus 8, Yung 6 (Melta 83rd.); Muniz 6, Marocchi 6, Perin 6 (J. Nyskohus 64th.); Northcote 6, Deans 6, Leane 6.

MOOROOLBARK 2 (McGregor 2 incl. penalty), STH. MELB. HELLAS 4 (Ollerton 3, French) at Esther Park, crowd: 1000.

Ratings by Len Stone:

MOOLOOLBARK: Hawke 7, Irwin 6 (Lowrey 66th.), G. Ontong 7, Vaughan 7, Williamson 6 (Thom 66th); P. Ontong 7, Pongho 7, Fairbrother 8, Boczuk 6, O'Riley 6, McGregor 6.

STH. MELB. HELLAS: Reilly 6, Pye 7, Xanthopoulos 6, Kalfatidis 6, Dosen 8, Daperis 5 (Alexiou 7, half time), Rogers 7, Gibson 7, Mitten 6, (French 6, half time), Ollerton 9, Kent 7.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0 at the Sydney Sports Ground, Sunday attendance - 2056.

Ratings by Tom Anderson.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7, Palmer 7, G. Allan 7, Bell 6, Luckett 7, Ikonomou 7 (sub Cross), Jamieson 6, McIntosh 6, Raskopoulos 7, Botham 6, Senkalski 6.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Boland 7, Kriaris 6, Kazi 7, Rujevic 6, Kondarios 6, Micic 7, (sub Parrott 7), Palinkas 6, Picioane 7, Vasic 6, Nicolaides 7, Ristovski 6.

HAKOAH 3 (Smith, O'Connor, Barnes), WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Krytikos) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 4600.

HAKOAH: Haynes 6, Mullen 7, Thompson 7, Robertson 7, Mowbray 7, Stevenson 7 (O'Connor), Barnes 8, Lutton 6 (McGuinnes), Watson 6, Smith 7, Silva 7.

HELLAS: Crook 8, Amos 6, Koulianos 7, (Krytikos), McGachey 7, Vagianos 7, Pillans 6, Kosmina 7, Jones 7, Zervas 5, Boyle 5, McGregor 6.

ESSENDON LIONS 1 (Laslo), ST. GEORGE 1 (Morgan) at Perry Park.

Ratings by Bruce Waddell:

LIONS: Phil Dando 7, Ian Park 8, Alan Niven 7, Col Bennett 8, George Potter 7, Roy Drinkwater 7, Eddie Spearritt 6, Ian Fagan 7, John Neale 8, Paul Laslo 7, Geoff Morris 7.

ST. GEORGE: Martin Coe 7, George Harris 7, Doug Utjesenovic 7, Brendan Grosse 7, Harry Williams 9, John O'Shea 7, Mark Jankovics 6, Rudi Gnavi 6, Robert O'Shea 7, Neville Morgan 7, Phil O'Connor 7 (Peter Hensman 6).

WESTERN SUBURBS 0, BRISBANE CITY 0 at Englefield Stadium. Crowd 521.

Ratings by Jimmy Jones.

WESTS: T. Eaton 7, Curran 6, Perry 7, Wilson 9, Noble 7, C. Eaton 6, Ainslie 7, Harding 7, Stone 7, Hardes 6 (sub Dodd), Fisher 6.

BRISBANE CITY: Borzi 6, Rathmell 7, Lavelle 6, Kibbey 6, Tokesi 8, Gaffney 7, Caldwell 6, Echeverria 8, Pimblett 7, McLeod 6, Johnston 5 (sub Coyne).

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7.8 Wilson (Wests), Rooney (Marconi).
7.7 Richards (Marc), Hermiston (Bris. C.)
7.6 Barnes (Hak).
7.4 Buljevic (Alex), Maher (Marc).
7.3 Bennett (Bris Lions), Crook (WA-Hellas), Reynolds (WA-Hellas), Stone (Wests).
7.2 Henderson (Can), Mowbray (Hak), Kondarios (JUST), Meier (Oly), Harris (St.G), Pye (SM-Hellas), Harding (Wests).
7.1 Watson (Hak), Smith (Hak), Lister (Juve), Muniz (Juve), Ainslie (Wests).

Leading scorers:
12. Smith (Hak), Barnes (Hak).
10. Morris (Lions, Kosmina (WA-Hellas).
9. Cole (Alex).
8. Buljevic (Alex), Nyskohus (Juve).
7. Deans (Juve), Tront (Alex), Pirie (Oly), O'Connor (St.G), Norris (Wests).
6. Ristovski (JUST), Campbell (Marc), Sharne (Marc), Botham (Oly), Morgan (St.G), Ollerton (SM-Hellas), C. Eaton (Wests).
5. R. O'Shea (St.G), McGregor (M'bark), Northcote (Juve), Palinkas (JUST), Lutton (Hak), Campbell (Alex).

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GEORGE CROSS ON CHARGES OVER RIOT AT MATCH!

Peter Wilson (left) of Western Suburbs, and Jimmy Rooney (right) of Marconi — two of the players vying for the ASPA Player of the Year award.

Various charges will be heard by the Victorian State League Tribunal tonight (Wednesday) over a riot after the George Cross v. Hakoah postponed match at Olympic Park last Wednesday.

Several hundred people were involved in the riot, during which several policemen were reported to have been struck.

Hakoah player **Bill Jordanou** was knocked out just after the final whistle and spent two days in Prince Henry's Hospital where he had a pin inserted in his broken jaw.

George Cross player **Rob Cullen** will face the Tribunal tonight on a charge of assault.

His team mate **Paul Murphy** will also face the Tribunal because referee **Roger Woolmer** sent him off the field just before the end of the game.

Hakoah's **Les Nagy** is also up on charges. It is alleged he struck Cullen after Cullen had struck Jordanou.

George Cross will face a charge of having failed to control its spectators.

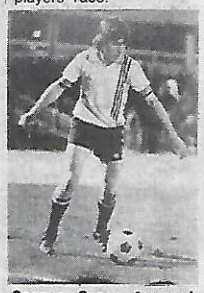
George Cross won the game 1-0 with a penalty goal by Murphy in the 27th minute of play.

The victory gave George Cross a two-point lead over Slavia at the top of the ladder, with two games in hand.

Spectators started rioting after the alleged fisticuffs by Cullen and later Nagy.

George Cross official **John Borg** urged spectators over the loudspeaker to break it up.

Hakoah's players returned to the pitch for safety as angry spectators swarmed around the players' race.



George Cross forward Robert Cullen.

Writers to name best player in big league

Australia's soccer writers will run a prestigious best player award for the national league.

The presentation night is tentatively scheduled for the first Thursday in October.

The award will be known as the Australian Soccer Press Association Best Player Award.

The Victorian branch of the ASPA is running the first award. Victoria was the first branch to be formed and it has run the Bill Fleming Player of the Year award for the Victorian State League since 1971.

The branch will continue to vote for the Bill Fleming Medal, whose winners have been: 1971 **Jim Pyrgolios (Hellas);** 1972 **John Gardiner** (George Cross); 1973 **Frank Micic** (J.U.S.T.); 1974. **Jim Armstrong** (Hellas); 1975 **Billy Vojtek** (Juventus); 1976 **Jim Tansey** (Slavia).

The ASPA award for the national league will be completely separate from the Bill Fleming Medal.

Soccer writers from Adelaide, Sydney, Canberra and Brisbane have been invited to join the Victorian writers in voting for the award.

Newspapers which will be represented in the voting include: **"Daily Mirror," "The Sun," "The Courier Mail", "The Adelaide Advertiser," "The News," "Soccer World," "The Canberra Times", "Sydney Morning Herald," "La Fiamma," "Novosti," "Il Globo," "Hellenic Herald," "Naos Kosmos," "Jewish News," "Athletic Echo," "The Age," "Sun News-Pictorial," "Sunday Press," "Daily Telegraph,"** and many more.

Apart from the best player award, the writers will also run an ASPA Best Under 21 Player award and an ASPA Coach of the Year award.

What's more, it will name its choice of 11 players as the ASPA All-Star Team of the Year.

All awards will be decided on preferential voting.

Although the inaugural presentation night will be in Melbourne, later presentations will be run by branches interstate.

Over the next few weeks we will spotlight some of the players and coaches in the running for the ASPA awards.

Obviously they include stars like **Peter Wilson** (Western Suburbs) and **Jimmy Rooney** (Marconi) who are among the leaders in the voting for the **"Soccer Action"** — Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award (see page 2).

It's interesting to look back on the Victorian All-Star Team of the Year chosen by the Victorian SPA last year.

The team was: **John Kennedy** (Hellas); **Mike Pye** (Hellas) **Arthur Xanthopoulos** (Hellas), **Jim Kondarlos** (JUST); **Jim Tansey** (Slavia); **Jim O'Reilly** (Slavia), **Jimmy Mackay** (Hellas) **Dave Rigby** (Mooroolbark); **Tommy Cumming** (Sunshine) **Graham French** (Mooroolbark), **Branko Buljevic** (J.U.S.T.)

Of these Mackay has retired, Kennedy switched to Essendon Lions and Cumming is still at Sunshine.

All the others are playing in the national league and are therefore eligible for any of the 1977 awards.

Barkers fined

Mooroolbark was last week fined $100 by the Victorian Soccer Federation for using a suspended player under someone else's passport.

The Tribunal found that the team-sheet included the name of Paul Wilding but that it was Paul Priestley who played.

The game was in the Victorian Second Division.

Priestly was charged over having made derogatory remarks about the referee over the loud speaker system at Esther Park after being sent off the field for persistent misconduct after receiving a caution.

He was suspended for six weeks.

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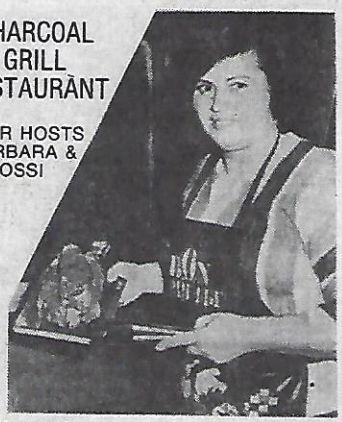

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Abonyi thrives on World Cup diet

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CANTERBURY 1 CROATIA 2 at Arlington Oval Sunday Crowd — 869.

It's that man again — **Atti Abonyi** back to his old State League trick of scoring goals after a World Cup game!

It seems that every time he turns out for Croatia after being with the national team, Abonyi gets back amongst the goals for Croatia.

In this one he got his team off the hook in the second half by grabbing the winner in the 73rd minute.

Much to the surprise of the Croatia supporters, and probably to their own fans, Canterbury pushed the competition leaders to the limit.

But they hadn't reckoned on Abonyi who once again popped up and won the day for Croatia.

SCORERS: Canterbury - Smith (og). Croatia - Sullivan, Abonyi.

SUTHERLAND 1 GRANVILLE 1 at Seymour Shaw Park Crowd — 752.

Brawn defeated brains in this game as both teams threw everything they had at one another.

There was plenty of biff but very little thought put into the action.

Once again little Granville surprised a top team in the competition with a gutsy performance.

They are just a bunch of youngsters but they certainly are giving it a big go and have to be congratulated.

SCORERS: Sutherland - Hall. Graviille - O'Maye.

AUBURN 2 WOLLONGONG CITY 1 at Mona Park. Crowd — 311.

This victory has now taken Auburn into third position in the competition table.

They have no chance in challenging Croatia for the honors but at least they look good for a semi-final place.

They had to wait until 10 minutes before the end of the game to win against a Wollongong team that never gave up fighting.

The winner came when striker **Pat Deller** netted from close range.

This defeat ended Wollongong's hopes of taking out a place in the semi-finals.

SCORERS: Auburn - Dobson, Dellar. Wollongong - Beggs.

YUGAL 0 AVALA 4 at the Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd — 253.

Yugal have got into such a drastic situation that they are now even helping the opposition by scoring goals for them!

In this match they scored two for Avala!

In fact it would not have mattered if Avala had not scored — I'm sure that Yugal would have done it for them as they in fact did.

When one remembers the teams that Yugal used to field in years gone by it's a depressing sight to watch this present lot go round!

The club spirit may still be alive but the skill and dexterity of the players has vanished without trace!

SCORERS: Avala - Morrow 2, Cuk og, Radivojevic og.

BANKSTOWN 0 ARNCLIFFE SCOTS 1 at Bankstown. Crowd — 350.

Once again Bankstown failed to produce the goods when the pressure was on!

Earlier this season the Bankies looked a good side and in fact were up there at the top of the competition with the leaders.

However they have fallen away since these early days and are now just a run of the mill team.

Arncliffe are a team that never gives up trying and when they seem down and out and no hope of making the semi-finals they bounce back with an unexpected win like this one.

SCORERS: Arncliffe - Piggott.

MANLY 0 APIA 2 at Cromer Park. Crowd — 835.

As expected Apia kept up their challenge to Croatia with a comfortable victory.

Both goals were scored by Apia's striker **Terry Butler** who had a good day.

However despite his goals, one feels that Butler is playing well within himself in this state league and is not really enjoying the lack of atmosphere after playing for a season in the bigtime in Hong Kong.

Manly were once again a disappointment and they have had a mediocre season.

The seasiders have a good ground and good conditions but not a team to go with them!

SCORERS: Apia - Butler 2.

Hakoah's first team squad left to right: standing. Bill Fenney (physiotherapist), Gerry Chaldi (coach), Malcolm Haynes, Terry Smith, Murray Barnes, Steve O'Connor, Eddie Thomson, Jerry Lissing (trainer), Bob Smith, Tony Pezzano Harry Lakmaker (secretary-manager). Kneeling: John Stevenson, Joe Watson, Bobby McGuinness, Kevin Mullen, Henry Mowbray, (captain) Allan Kershaw, Hilton Silva. Missing from the team photo are Tod Clarke, Bertie Lutton and Alec Robertson.

FAVORED HAKOAH HITS THE FRONT

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Eastern Suburbs Hakoah, the side favored to win the title before the start of the season, have hit the front in the championship race after an easy 3-1 win over West Adelaide Hellas.

WA Hellas 1 Hakoah 3

Although it took two late goals by **Steve O'Connor** and **Murray Barnes** to clinch the win, Hakoah never looked like losing.

Hellas, playing with promising junior **George Koulianos** for suspended **Barry Reynolds,** were a goal down within two minutes.

Top scorer **Terry Smith** did the damage with a swerving 20 metre shot which swung wildly to deceive Hellas keeper **Martyn Crook.**

Hellas searched for an equaliser but their incompetent attack never looked like getting one.

World Cup hero **John Kosmina** ran all day but saw little of the ball while **Alex Zervas** decided that the only way to penetrate the defence was to go through it.

Zervas has shown clearly in the last five weeks that he is not Hellas' answer to their striking problem.

But **John Krytikos,** who has been sitting on the bench all season, proved his worth when he came on to replace Koulianos in the 67th minute.

Within 30 seconds the chunky, diminutive striker latched onto a rebound off Hakoah keeper **Malcolm Haynes** and slammed it into an open goal.

Ian McGregor had done the damage when he went past three Hakoah defenders and fired a 30 metre shot which Haynes couldn't hold.

Hellas came alive for the first time in the game and looked like they could snatch both points.

But an unstoppable shot from **Steve O'Connor** in the 83rd minute and a powerful ground shot from **Murray Barnes** two minutes from the end ended Hellas' hopes.

The defeat sent Hellas to eighth spot and they now have an uphill battle to get back into the six.

They face South Melbourne Hellas on Saturday in Melbourne and need a win desperately.

The following week they play Mooroolbark in Adelaide but then face tough matches against Adelaide City, and Brisbane Lions.

'Ollie' nets three

M'bark 2 SM-Hellas 4

By Len Stone of AAP

A great second half and a hat-trick by Peter Ollerton enabled a mobile South Melbourne Hellas to come from behind and beat Mooroolbark 4-2 in a thrilling match at Esther Park.

Mooroolbark played well to lead 2-1 at half time.

Most credit had to go to **Paul Ontong, Paul O'Riley** and **Barrie Fairbrother** who all played well early.

However, it was Hellas that scored first when Mike Pye went on a run down the right to set up a good goal for **Peter Ollerton** in the 24th minute.

A free kick by **Peter Vaughan** found **Gordon McGregor** for Mooroolbark's equaliser and it was McGregor who made it 2-1 when he converted a penalty awarded after O'Riley had been brought down.

Hellas made two changes at half time.

Graham French came on for **Noel Mitten** and **Jim Alexiou** for **John Deparis.**

The move immediately paid dividends.

There was plenty of excitement for the 1,100 spectators, Mooroolbark's biggest crowd of the season at Esther Park, as play swung from end to end.

As the second half progressed, so did Hellas.

Ollerton Hammered home the equaliser during a goal mouth mix up after 65 minutes.

Mooroolbark brought on **Pat Lowery** and **Brian Thom** for **Max Irvin** and **Ian Williams,** but this made little difference to the now superior Hellas.

Ian Gibson unleashed a thunderbolt which Mooroolbark keeper, **Terry Hawke,** could not hold and Ollerton was in the right place to score his third goal in the 73rd minute.

It took several minutes to clear the crowd off the pitch, but it was a good natured crowd acclaiming Ollerton's hat trick.

Hellas were now in top gear and Terry Hawke had to make difficult saves from Ollerton, **Kent** and Gibson.

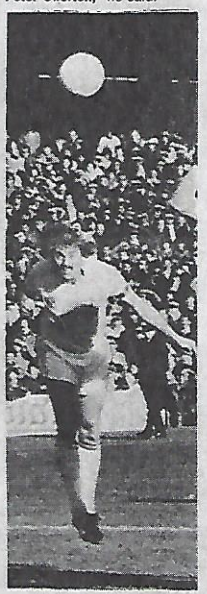
At last Graham French got that elusive goal when he outstripped the tiring Mooroolbark defence, and taking advantage of a long clearance by **Anton Dosen,** made it 4-2 for Hellas.

A disappointed Mooroolbark coach **Brian Edgley,** was speechless after the match and all he could say was, "Diabolical."

Hellas' coach, **Con Xanthopoulos,** said, "We really put it together in the second half."

I had to make two changes at interval, and they came off.

"We did not have a weakness after interval, but I was particularly pleased with **Mike Pye, Billy Rogers** and **Peter Ollerton,"** he said.



Peter Ollerton

It's next year for J.U.S.T. and Olympic

By TOM ANDERSON

The only thing that was at stake in this clash was club pride and individual reputations of the players.

OLYMPIC 0 J.U.S.T. 0

For neither team has any chance of taking out honors this season and only have academic interest in the outcome of the championship.

However I am sure that the committees and coaches of both clubs already have an eye on next season and the positions they need to strengthen to build a championship challenging lineup.

But despite the situation both of them set about their task in a sensible and worthwhile fashion and indeed turned in some good football.

The defences and midfield play of both JUST and Olympic was good but their finishing left much to be desired as the scoreline clearly shows.

In fact until the two of them can get a striker who can tuck the ball away in the net they will remain middle of the table teams.

Time and time again, chances were created only to be squandered by puerile finishing.

However it also must be admitted that both goalkeepers — **Denis Boland** of JUST and **Gary Meier** of Olympic had a good day.

Meier held everything that came his way and never put a hand wrong.

Boland on the other hand punched everything that came his way and although he looked vulnerable on a few occasions was as safe as the more spectacular Meier.

For JUST their two lightweight flank strikers **Mendo Ristovski** and **Joe Palinkas** looked busy and workmanlike without being dangerous.

They scurried about here, there and everywhere but when they got into scoring positions their confidence seemed to leave them and they could be described as "busy little bees without a sting".

Olympic continued to experiment with defender **Dave McIntosh** in the central striking position and although the big fellow tried hard and used bustling tactics he is not the answer to Olympic's problems.

In fact he looks what he is — a defender playing out of position.

However Olympic have made a big find this season in their 15½ year old schoolboy star **Peter Raskopoulos.**

Raskopoulos is improving with every game and had another good one in midfield against the good ball playing opposition that JUST provided.

But again, with nothing at stake, both teams must be complimented for putting up a good show of football.

There is not much wrong with either team that cannot be put right with a couple of good players.

If they can do this then both of them could be in business next season.

Soccer diplomacy?

Football diplomacy looks like replacing ping-pong diplomacy between the United States and China.

The North American champions, New York Cosmos, are to tour Peking and Shanghai next month.

China is sending a team to the United States in October.

Before arriving in New York to play Cosmos on October 8, the Chinese team will play one match in Honolulu and three games against the United States Olympic side in California.

The Asian tour by Cosmos, whose team includes the legendary Brazilian superstar **Pele** and top European internationals **Franz Beckenbauer** of West Germany and **Georgio Chinaglia** of Italy, includes games in Peking and Shanghai on September 15 and 21.

The previous week the North American champions play a Japanese selection twice in Tokyo, and they conclude their tour with a match in India against a Calcutta selection on September 24.

The Cosmos won the North American championship for the second time, beating the Seattle Sounders 2-1 in Portland, Oregon.

In the 11 years of the league no club has prevously won the championship a second time.

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Under 15 Championships at Hobart: Queensland 3 (McLatchey, Peterson, Drinnen) ACT 0; South Australia 1 (Meekcoms) NSW 0; Northern NSW 8 (Pepperall 2, McQuarie 2, Dick 2, Buckett own goal) Northern Territory 0; Victoria 3 (Saglia, Pichner, Luchetti) Tasmania 0; New South Wales 2 (Martin, Wilson) Queensland 2 (Green Whyte); Tasmania 3 (Djakic 2, Genaris) Northern Territory 0; Tasmania 4 d ACT 0; Queensland 2 d Northern Territory 1; NSW 4 d Northern NSW 0: WA 2 (Blunt, Voorn) drew with Victoria 2 (Cairns, Giacomi).

Australian c'hips at Bankstown: U-13: NSW 10 d Northern Territory 0; Queensland 1 d Northern NSW 0; Victoria 7 (Patterson 5, Belitrick 2) d Tasmania 1; SA 3 drew WA 3.

U-14: SA 2 d WA 0; Victoria 2 (Garaia, Cozzece) d Tasmania 0, Northern NSW 4 d Queensland 0, NSW 6 d ACT 1.

BULJEVIC, BOZIKAS WRECK JUVENTUS

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Branko Buljevic — scored the winning goal.

Juventus coach Edmund Kreft paid tribute to Alexander after this game at Olympic Park. "They fought harder than we did. They chased and they won the ball. In man-to-man situations they beat us. We have lots of ball players but not enough fighters."

Alexander was so superior that it should have won by at least three goals.

However, there was no way past Juventus' brilliant 20-year-old reserve goalkeeper **Peter Marshall** until the 82nd minute when **Branko Buljevic** scored with a header.

Buljevic and Andrew Bozikas, together with Marshall, were the stars of the game.

If **Gary Cole** returns to his best and if Buljevic and Bozikas maintain the level they showed against Juventus, Alexander should beat Western Suburbs in their postponed match at Englefield Stadium, Dural, at 8 pm tonight (Wednesday).

And the Fitzroy team will have a good chance of winning yet again when it faces up to local rival Footscray J.U.S.T. at Olympic Park on Sunday in a match which deserves a crowd of at least 10,000.

Juventus surprised by fielding Lion Adelaide player **Bugsey Nyskohus,** the former international and brother of Juventus' current international **John Nyskohus.**

Kreft said after the game that Juventus signed Bugsey on national league forms five weeks ago but that it had an agreement that he see out the South Australian season with Lion.

Another Lion player **Peter Kowalski,** has also been signd by Juventus. Kreft said Kowalski was a strong young striker with great potential.

Bugsey Nyskohus played at centre back, in place of **Frank Lister** who is injured and will be out for the rest of the season.

Marshall, bought from Birkalla early this year, played in goal because **Roger Romanowicz** was injured. Another regular out of the team was **John Nyskohus,** who played for Australia against South Korea in Sydney the previous day. He came on against Alexander as a substitute in the 64th minute.

Alexander coach **John Margaritis** left out Socceroo defender **Jim Tansey** to give **Vince Bannon** a game at right back. **Arthur McMillan** switched to left back, where Tansey usually plays.

Bozikas was prominent from the first few seconds, sending two crosses into the middle after beating opponents on the flanks. The first cross was headed just over the bar by **Jim Campbell** and the second was tapped over by Marshall, under pressure from Buljevic.

Buljevic dominated in the air because the Juventus defence had no-one tall enough or good enough to match him.

Alexander 1, Juventus 0.

Gary Cole stormed through in the sixth minute and gave a square ball to Buljevic who scooped it out of the air but Marshall saved Buljevic's attempt onehanded.

At the other end **Brian Northcote** tried a snap shot but **Peter Blasby** turned it for a corner.

In the 27th minute Buljevic was off-target with a header from Vince Bannon's cross but Pat Bannon plucked the ball out of the air for a second try, only to hit the crossbar.

Socceroo **Gary Marocchi** flashed into play with a shot on the turn from an unmarked position near goal but he missed and shook his head in disbelief.

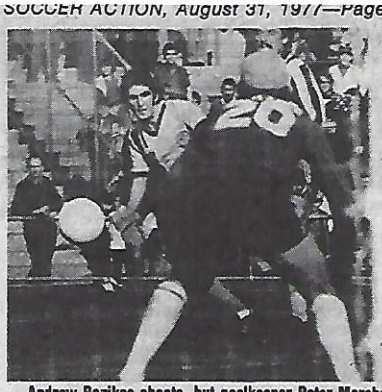
Marocchi and his big-name midfield partners Agenor Muniz and John Perin were largely ineffective, as were the Juventus Forwards, although Dixie Deans laid off a few good passes and Brian Northcote did a fair bit of running up and down the flank.

Perin's greates contribution came when he robbed Cole of the ball inside the goal area after a good Alexander move initiated by Buljevic and relayed by Campbell.

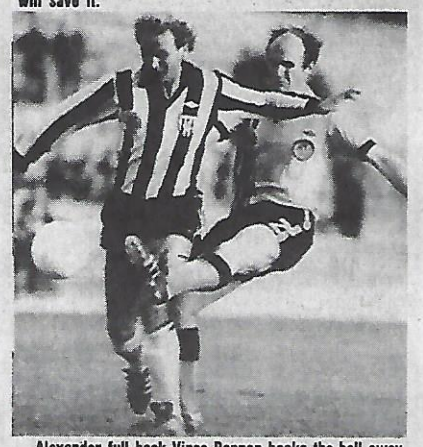
Buljevic showed his class in the 37th minute when, from a long cross by **Ken Taylor,** he headed the ball down onto the ground, so it would bounce over **Peter Marshall.** Most goalkeepers would fall for it but Marshall recovered with incredible speed and managed to get one hand to the ball as it soared above his head.

Then Bozikas sped away on a fine through ball from **Vince Bannon** but after cutting in, Bozikas' shot was repelled by Marshall.

In the 43rd minute referee Nick Karlic turned down appeals for an Alexander goal. Buljevic had back-headed near goal and Marshall had dropped the ball after getting a touch. It dropped behind him and he gathered it in at his second attempt but Buljevic and spectators near the goal thought the ball had crossed the line.



Andrew Bozikas shoots, but goalkeeper Peter Marshall will save it.



Alexander full back Vince Bannon hooks the ball away from Agenor Muniz.

Marshall saved Juventus once again just after half time when he stopped a shot by Cole after a cross by **Vince Bannon.** Then Cole set up Campbell in the penalty area but the move was crushed by **Fred Yung.**

Next is was **Bugsey Nyskohus'** turn to thwart Alexander when he beat Bozikas to a shrewd square pass from Cole.

A run and a cross by Cole created havoc in the Juventus defence but **Pat Bannon's** shot went a little too high.

In the 75th minute Bozikas dashed down the wing, beat Ron Fraser and cut the ball back to Gary Cole for the best scoring chance of the game. Cole hit the ball as hard as he could and sent it zooming over the bar from close range.

Then Buljevic gave a smart, short pass to Campbell inside the area. Campbell was perfectly positioned but missed.

Bozikas set off once more, this time on the right wing and was fouled twice. The second time, Brian Northcote was shown the yellow card. Taylor took the free kick and Buljevic headed it into the net, out of Marshall's reach.

Juventus was disappointing but with the home ground advantage it should beat Mooroolbark at the Olympic Sports Field on Sunday at 2.30 pm.

Bugsey Nyskohus (left), in his debut for Juventus, watches as goalkeeper Peter Marshall makes yet another great save. No.2 is Ron Fraser. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

Abandon the game, cries St. George

By BRUCE WADDELL

Brisbane Lions again had two points well in their keeping but threw one of them away when they drew 1-1 with St. George at Perry Park.

Lions 1 St. George 1

Lions had snatched a 1-0 lead in the 77th minute through striker **Paul Laslo** against the almost ultra-defensive St. George side.

But St. George earned their 13th draw of the season when the league's tallest striker, **Neville Morgan,** gave **Phil Dando** no chance with a splendid left foot shot with only three minutes left.

There was a major sensation in the game when referee **Dave Nugent** had to leave the field with about 15 minutes left after struggling valiantly to overcome a leg injury.

Several minutes were lost while **Ron Richmond** switched from linesman to the central job and **John Folling,** an A.S.R.F. official and Brisbane First Division referee took Richmond's place on the line in "civvies".

While all this was going on, an unidentified St. George official approached Q.S.F. officials and demanded that the game be abandoned, claiming it was against the rules to change referees.

He said if the game continued St. George would be playing under protest, and at one stage it seemed coach **Takac** was calling his men from the field.

But the game continued, as it is a world-wide practice to substitute a qualified official in the event of the referee being injured.

St. George officials were horrified further when only two minutes after the resumption, Laslo despatched his neat shot past **Martin Coe** into the top right hand corner.

But strangely St. George displayed their best attack of the match after this setback and Morgan's blistering shot was punishment for Lions' habit of relaxing at a vital stage.

Lions had goals in the first half by John Neale and Paul Laslo disallowed for offside and a foul on Coe respectively.

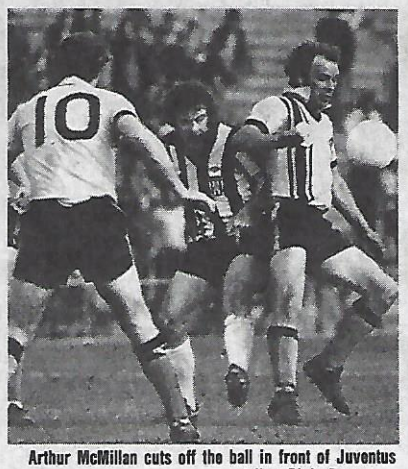
And they also had a strong appeal for a second half penalty turned down by referee Nugent after midfielder **Ian Fagan** appeared to be held by the legs by Coe as both scrambled for a loose ball.

Any trouble Lions were in at the back was largely due to their own doing, forcing some good work from Dando and fullback **Ian Park,** Lions' best player.

But the man of the match was St. George fullback Harry Williams who rarely put a foot wrong and backed up well after his tough World Cup match the day before.

Overall, Lions had most of the attack and St. George often had to resort to shirt-pulling tactics in tight situations, resulting in the booking of **Brendan Grosse** and **Phil O'Connor.**

Striker **John Neale** was probably Lions' hardest worker and the highlight of his game was one memorable sliding tackle to dispossess the attacking Williams in the second half.



Arthur McMillan cuts off the ball in front of Juventus striker Dixie Deans.

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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

By JIMMY JONES

This will be remembered as the day that Wests' 1977 championship hopes flew out of the window!

for Wests, who started so well in this competition now have no chance of challenging either Marconi or Hakoah for the title.

Wests promised so much this year but in recent weeks have failed to produce the goods.

This was the situation against Brisbane City who openly declared after the game that they had come to Sydney to try only for a draw!

Wests' strikers let them down in this game. They just could not finish the good moves created in midfield.

Their nearest try at breaking the Brisbane defence came in the 84th minute from a **Brian Dodd** overhead kick which Brisbane goalkeeper **Osvaldo Borzi** did well to parry.

The rebound came to Wests' striker **Clive Eaton** who failed to net it and the chance was lost.

But the big feature of this game was the performance of Wests' and Socceroo captain Peter Wilson.

Wilson had a big day for his team and was without doubt the man of the match.

Brisbane City's best player was their Argentinean **Roberto Echeverria** who played in a sweeping position.

Echeverria adapted to the role in fine fashion and did well for his side.

After the game City coach **Nereo Sattich** said that his team had come to win a point and had been successful.

Wests 0 Brisbane City 0

"Interstate teams have been coming to Brisbane with this in mind all year," Sattich said.

"Now it was our turn to adopt the same tactics in Sydney and we did just that."

Wests were a very disappointed team at the finish and they realise only too clearly that at one time they looked to be one of the teams favored to win the title.

However it was games like this that were the undoing of their hopes and dreams of 1977 success!

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J.U.S.T. shows value of pure skill

At the start of this inaugural national league season I calculated that the Sydney clubs would get their strongest competition from Footscray J.U.S.T.

Indeed, J.U.S.T. is now one of the finest teams in the league but unfortunately it has taken too long to hit top form.

Had the Yugoslavs played this way from the start of the year and had they had a little more luck early, they could now be challenging Marconi and Hakoah for the title.

The secret of J.U.S.T.'s success is its well-established pattern of play, its characteristic style and method.

If allowed to use its method, J.U.S.T. will tear most teams apart.

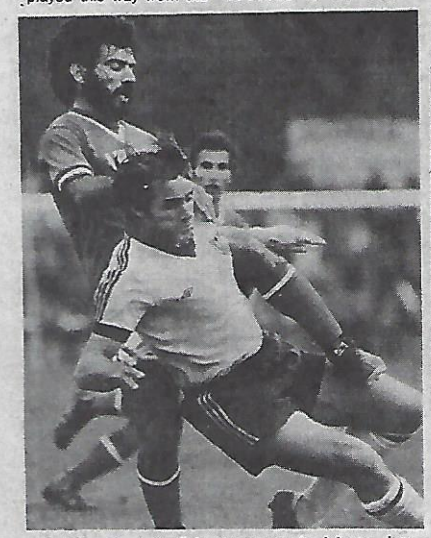
J.U.S.T. is also living proof that there is no substitute for skill. **Picioane, Ristovski, Rietic, Rujevic, Palinkas** and **Kazi** have skill to burn and of course they benefit from the leadership of the great **Frank Micic** who has forgotten more about soccer than most other players ever learn.

The J.U.S.T. players are capable of combining brilliantly in the most modern fashion.

When the players are at their best they make everything look relaxed and easy but the opportunities created are in fact the result of some very intricate, very imaginative play.

Many teams as good or better than J.U.S.T. did not succeed in protecting its characteristic style against all possible influences. St. George, for example, lost the style it had for so long — the style demonstrated by such players as **Abonyl, Alston, Warren, Williams, Harris, Utjesenovic** and **Schaefer.**

If the national league is to attract new supporters we need more teams like J.U.S.T. and St. George the way it was.



Col Bennett, Australia's strong man in defence, does battle with Iran's Mohammad Sadeghi.

J.U.S.T. captain Frank Micic (right) — he's forgotten more about soccer than most players ever learn. The man at left is Anton Dosen of SM-Hellas.

Dedication does it

Some years ago Col Bennett was a raw, unskilled, naive player who survived in top-class soccer only because of his sheer physical power.

It's almost unbelievable how much Bennett has matured.

He may still lack finesse but he is now a shrewd, uncompromising defender who is faultless in the air.

Against Marconi two weeks ago, Bennett didn't lose a single header and played a major part in Brisbane Lions' 1-0 victory over us.

Bennett is a typical example of how far you can go with determination and dedication.

Other players may have greater skill than he does, but he will outdo them all because he has a much bigger heart and a much greater will to succeed.

Let's hope he serves as an example to the many thousands of junior players in this country.

RALE RASIC

PROMOTION NEEDED SO LET'S LOOK TO U.S.

By ALAN ROSS

In one sense it is fair enough for existing national league clubs to claim three years to consolidate their positions.

After all, they used their brainpower when others faltered or could not even understand the potential of the new league.

So far as the soccer public is concerned, events flow quickly and mistakes are quickly punished if sound reforms are delayed.

And so I feel that the improving standards of play and administration, plus this year's limited amount of promotion, must be followed up without delay if the code is to press home its newly-achieved advantages.

From the Sydney viewpoint only two clubs to date, Marconi and Sydney Olympic, have provided the support required to start justifying their national league status.

St. George, Hakoah and Wests have had their moments, but they have been all too few.

At the start of the year when the show went on the road, Wests were tipped as potential failures.

Their team has been a sound one, administration likewise, but early promotion was poverty itself.

The Magpies pecked away behind the scenes in a bid to change grounds to such locations as Cumberland Oval, Parramatta, and Penrith Park, but they got nowhere with the ground authorities.

Then came the link-up with Englefield Stadium, Dural, and the first faltering steps were taken towards a promotional stance.

A recent home game produced a near 2,000 crowd. Small though it was, it doubled the attendances at Drummoyne Oval and the Sports Ground.

With proper promotion it seems that Wests might turn the corner, although they have not yet reached the stage of opening the floodgates.

With Hakoah and St. George promotions have been in the player area, with **Manecas** and **Charlie George** proving limited drawcards.

Hakoah's speciality has been to import some worthwhile free-transfer men, and St. George has created a local reserve depth that does the club proud.

But by themselves, can either draw a crowd to justify a national league place?

Possibly not, and with **Saints new home ground** which is fast going ahead at Barton Park, Arncliffe being located centrally to the St. George, Eastern Suburbs and South Sydney areas, there would be logic in Saints and Hakoah joining forces as one

Charlie George (front) does battle with Arthur Xanthopoulos. Charlie was only a limited drawcard with St. George.

A continuing promotional link could be forged with the St. George, Southern and Eastern and Sutherland Associations to provide the chain that is needed to secure general public support.

Wests' future at Dural similarly needs a strong bridge across to the Granville-Gladesville and Kuring-gai Associations.

What we all have to face is that soccer has to be promoted in accordance with the most effective principles and techniques to provide basic crowds and to build generally from there.

While congratulating Marconi and Olympic on their crowd successes to date, it would be well to realise that Marconi's early willingness to come down to the city for its early games and some atrocious weather cost them $25,000 in gate receipts to the end of the first round.

Marconi helped the league to get under way in no mean manner. The club produced a 3,000 seat fabricated stand for its fans, and yet it cannot be claimed that it has shown a real promotional flair.

Olympic has provided publicity on a grand scale thanks to manager **Johnny Thomson,** but on the football side it has not produced players to near the degree that Marconi, St. George and

No chance of bigger league

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Forget reports that the national league will be increased to 16 clubs next season.

It would cost an additional $40,000 in air fares to admit two more clubs and at the moment no-one's offering that kind of money.

In fact financially, the league looks like just barely scraping through this year.

There has been much talk about possible inclusions to the league next year — Northern NSW, APIA, George Cross, Juventus Melbourne, South Sydney Croatia, Western Australia.

However, as things stand, the only way a new club will be permitted is if one of the existing members withdraws from the league voluntarily or is voted out by a majority of the other clubs.

Perhaps, Sydney-wise, a four-club league content is more to the point than the present five.

Should a reduction take place, then Newcastle's bid to find a place might be more rationally decided.

Certainly Newcastle needs the League, and quite possibly the league needs Newcastle.

Looking now at other possible interested parties, APIA fans now know that the club lost the opportunity of a lifetime by not entering, but it will be no small task for a change to find its way through the present club administration.

Sydney Croatia is the giant at State League level, but the extent of its potential has not been fully proven.

Certainly a Wollongong in the vein of the **Jimmy Kelly era**—and that club helped magnificently to draw a 31,000 record grand final crowd — is a few years away.

Briefly looking at other States, Adelaide and Brisbane have each hit the two-team ideal formula early.

It would be advantageous to the code if Canberra City can consolidate to work done to date.

South Melbourne Hellas and Fitzroy Alexander have strength, Footscray JUST has a proud record and limited following, but Mooroolbark would perhaps do well to consider its future in the league with such sparse crowd support.

All clubs obviously must give more attention to the promotion arm of their activities. Good administration and coaching are nothing without it.

While in the promotion department would it be too ambitious or outlandish to import a suitable American for the task?

The recent history of the North American Soccer League points to the fact that the Americans are years ahead of us in the very skills we need most.

For those who adopt the approach of sticking with the existing clubs, the American experiment indicates just what drive can do.

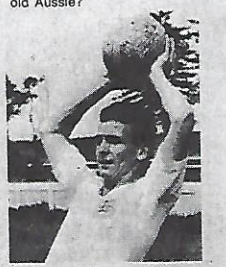
Teams with big following hold their places.

Others are replaced or suspended, or look for pastures greener.

This year San Antonio's franchise was switched to the Pacific when Team Hawaii came into being at the unbelievable Aloha Stadium.

Boston and Philadelphia, not crowd pullers, were suspended, and a couple of other clubs were transferred and renamed.

Can we have a dynamic, objective approach in good old Aussie?



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Cross crashes, trouble at Ringwood

Victorian State League round-up by LES SHORROCK.

GEORGE CROSS 0 ALTONA 1 (Taylor 45).

GEORGE CROSS. Kastner 6, McConville 6, Cutajar 5, (sub. Lawler 80) Webb 6, Kelly 6, Wilkinson 6, Cullen 5, Walker 5, Reed 5, Barron 6, Ebini 5, 5.

ALTONA. Van der Poel 8, Plessa 6, Lord 7, Gramsbergen 7, Murray 6, Davidson 6, Walters 6, Banagan 6, Curcio 5, Little 6, Taylor 7.

Altona City gave George Cross' championship hopes a severe jolt at Olympic Park on Saturday.

Having previously drawn at home with the League leaders, Altona went one better and beat them, and what's more, fully deserved the win.

Georgie had to do without PAUL MURPHY, who was sent off on Wednesday, and they missed him.

For although KEVIN WALKER, who took his place, is clever on the ball he still lacks match fitness. And above all Murphy is a grafter.

But Murphy's absence didn't detract in any way from Altona's performance. Altona never let Georgie's players settle down.

If one Altona player was beaten, another took his place and they harried the Cross machine until all the rhythm had gone.

I thought the Altona defence was magnificent.

In goal HANS VAN DER POEL was brilliant and easily the best man on the ground.

In front of him DAVID LORD kept a tight grip on young Cullen, and anything that strayed past him was swept away by that tower of strength, BOB GRAMSBERGEN and veteran KEITH MURRAY.

Young ALAN DAVIDSON, a boy with tremendous potential, worked tirelessly in the midfield and up front Bob Taylor was always dangerous.

The opening stanzas were very quiet, indeed almost dull, but at the 30 minute mark TONY CURCIO frittered away an opportunity, and then, before George Cross got over the shock, BOB TAYLOR hit the post with a screamer.

LOU KASTNER never saw it and with an ounce of luck it could have ricocheted into the net, like Armstrong's shot the week before.

This stung the Cross to retaliation and Hans van der Poel found himself under fire.

First he dashed out bravely and took the ball off Cullen's toe, and then he made a great one handed diving save from Reed.

Georgie wasn't to be denied and swarmed back into the Altona box.

It was Cullen again who was put through, and this time he eluded Van der Poel. But from only three yards out he found it impossible to direct the ball through a forest of Altona legs and it was scrambled clear.

Ten seconds later the ball was in the net . . . at the other end!

Altona took a quick free, Curcio crossed the ball to Taylor lurking by the far post, and he headed past the startled Kastner.

It was a big psychological blow to Georgie, coming as it did on the stroke of half time and just as the Cross looked like taking the lead.

Altona's players came out for the second half eagerly, obviously believing they could win, and indeed Nat Little soon had the ball in the net. But it was offside.

Then Kastner had to take the ball off Taylor's toe as the Altona forward steamed through.

Georgie attacked furiously throughout the second period, but the Altona defence stood firm and van der Poel made one good save after another.

Three times he dashed out and saved at the feet of EBINI and WALKER, and in between, he found time to tip three over the bar, punch one off Reed's head and dive full length for a McCONVILLE shot.

He even saved from LAWLER, the sub!

At the end of the game the Altona players got a cup-winning reception from their faithful fans and the Georgie fans were gracious in their applause too.

JOE WILSON, the Altona coach, in raptures after the game could only say 'I told you so' and indeed he had told me before the game that Altona would be the first to beat George Cross.

Finaly a word of praise for the referee JACK READSHAW.

This game was a hard British-type game, more like a cup-tie than a league match, and there was never the slightest doubt as to who was in charge.

What a pity Wednesday's referee never saw this one.

The behind-the-scenes manoeuvres that kept this ref off the National League list are a disgrace to the game.

RINGWOOD 0 HAKOAH 0.

RINGWOOD C. Kreskas, T. Passmore, De Brayckere, Garthwaite, Verolters sub (Pendry), Curelli, Eggers, O'Callaghan, O'Halloran, Kreskas G, Brown.

HAKOAH: O'Hara, Valli, Nagy, Gadsby, Baker, McNeil, Blair, Rainey, Craig, Edmondson, Marshall.

This game was about as lively as the score suggests, but the handful of spectators was entertained by the sight of the Ringwood coach approaching the referee to stop the Reserves game so that four players could be pressed into service in the Ringwood first team.

After the edict reducing the wages, the first team players went on strike, but solidarity did not prevail, and in the end, only KEITH ADAMS, RICHARD PLUMB and JOHN LUYTEN stuck to their guns and in consequence have been suspended for two years, according to the club, that is.

Some excuse could be extended for Hakoah's poor display as everyone connected with the club is still upset over the events of last Wednesday night when BILL JORDANOU was hospitalized.

Bill underwent another operation on Saturday.

The club is full of praise for the actions of Masseur ARTHUR COATES.

There was no doctor in attendance at Olympic Park, and when one was called to Jordanou, he was of the opinion that the masseur's prompt treatment had saved the boy's life.

GEORGE CROSS 1 (Murphy 27) HAKOAH 0.

GEORGE CROSS. Kastner 6, McConville 6, Cutajar 6, Webb 6, Kelly 6, Wilkinson 6, Cullen 6, Murphy 7, Reed 6, Barron 8, Ebini 5 (sub Walker 80).

HAKOAH 6. Valli 6, Nagy 6, Jordanou 6, Baker 5, McNeil 5, Blair 7, Rainey 5, Craig 5, (sub Marshal 75), Gadsby 6, Edmondson 6.

George Cross duly won another two points on the way to its inevitable championship on Wednesday night, but events at the end of the game robbed the victory of any glory and left a very sour taste.

George Cross took the lead in the 27th minute when PAUL MURPHY banged home a penalty awarded after DEREK BARRON was brought down.

Georgie was unlucky not to have another penalty mid-way through the second half when O'HARA stopped CULLEN in full flight with a good rugby tackle.

Then, in injury time, referee ROGER WOOLMER, who gave an extremely indifferent performance throughout, sent PAUL MURPHY off for dissent before blowing the final whistle.

As the players started to leave the field, BILL JORDANOU, offering to shake hands, was punched to the ground by a George Cross player who then took to his heels.

Another Hakoah player chased the culprit and that was the signal for an invasion of the pitch by spectators.

Jordanou, whose jaw was fractured, was operated on at Prince Henry's on Thursday, and is obviously out for the rest of the season.

Comment on the game seems almost superfluous after the other events, but I was sorry to see MIKE RAINEY so obviously miscast as a midfielder.

Rainey is the best full back in the League, as the Riversdale voting shows, but this ill-advised tactic could have cost him a trip and even the Rothman's medal.

GREEN GULLY 1 (Hamill 46) POLONIA 1 (Wisniewski 5).

POLONIA. Sierokowski 7, Dimitriou 6, Menichelli 5, Jaworski 6, A. Czapnik 6, P. Czapnik 6, Nierobisz 6, Wisniewski 8, Lipiarski 6, Horfiniak 6 (sub Dykun 75), Herman 5 (sub Esposito 66).

GREEN GULLY. Denys 6, P. Banagan 6, Cole 6, Donaldson 6, Berens 5, J. Thompson 5 (sub McGill H.T. 6), Segi 6, Vassallo 6, Tribuzio (sub Waterman 5), Patton 6, Hamill 6.

Green Gully, after being outplayed in the first half, rallied enough to snatch a point against Polonia on Wednesday night, but was lucky not to lose both.

Polonia at times played neat crisp football that belied its lowly League position.

BOGDAN WISNIEWSKI, who was playing for Arka Gdynia in the Polish League in May, was the star of the night.

He scored a tremendous goal from fully twenty-five yards out on the left flank after only five minutes.

He hit the ball on the volley and poor LOU DENYS in the Gully goal never saw it.

The goal really lifted Polonia and for the remainder of the first half, the whole team, revelling in the feel of Olympic Park, pushed the ball around in fine style and the gully was lucky not to go further in arrears at the 37 minute mark, when Denys' goal was under seige.

In an amazing passage of play, JOE HERMAN hit the bar twice with the Gully defenders seemingly helplessly watching, but incredibly enough, the ball didn't go in the net.

Gully got back in the game a minute after half-time when, following a free-kick, TONY HAMILL hit a hard shot that was deflected past Sierokowski, to Hamill's great delight.

Polonia seemed a little deflated by the equaliser and Green Gully came much more into the game.

Both sides had chances to win it, Tribuzio, for instance was slow to pick up a good ball from SEGI, and Sierokowski saved well and then sinned again when a loose clearance landed at his feet.

At the other end, RON HORFINIAK shot high over after a good run, RICKY LIPIARSKI fired wide and JAWORSKI missed a golden chance when he darted through the defence and found himself alone in the six yard box. But he too shot wildly.

The game ended with Sierokowski, one of Polonia's best, saving well from SEGI, and although Polonia ended the game with an honourable draw, they had only themselves to blame for not clinching both points in the first half.

ESSENDON LIONS 3 (Culina 28, McMillan 57, Murphy 75) FRANKSTON CITY 0.

LIONS. Petrovski 6, Smart 6, Kulyk 6, Kokoska 6, Bilavar 6, Andrews 6, Kerr 7, Culina 7, Davidson 9, McMillan 7, Murphy K. 7.

FRANKSTON CITY. Petersen 5, Gillespie 6, Adams 4, Irvine 6, Campbell 5 (sub Daniels 78), Webster 6, Gorrie 5, Bray 5, Buchanan 5 (sub Taylor 85, 5), Eadie 5, Spears 5.

The unpredictable Lions were in a rampant mood on Sunday and just about ate a very poor Frankston side alive.

After the team's poor showing against Altona the previous week, coach DUNCAN McKAY made three changes, bringing in JIM PETROVSKI for JOHN KENNEDY, WALLY KULYK for HUGH GUNN, and newcomer BRIAN DAVIDSON made his debut as a front runner. And what a debut it proved to be!

Davidson was easily the best player on the ground. In fact he looked a class above everyone else with his blinding speed and superb ball control.

He gave the Frankston defence an early taste of his ability when he beat three men cut into the box, and all in a matter of three strides.

The Frankston defence, normally its strong point, was looking uncharacteristically jittery and it came as no surprise when BOB ADAMS completely missed his kick and let in BRANKO CULINA who eluded FRANK PATERSEN and scored with ease.

Playing with the breeze behind them Frankston kept out Lions until the interval. But in the second half it was all one-way traffic.

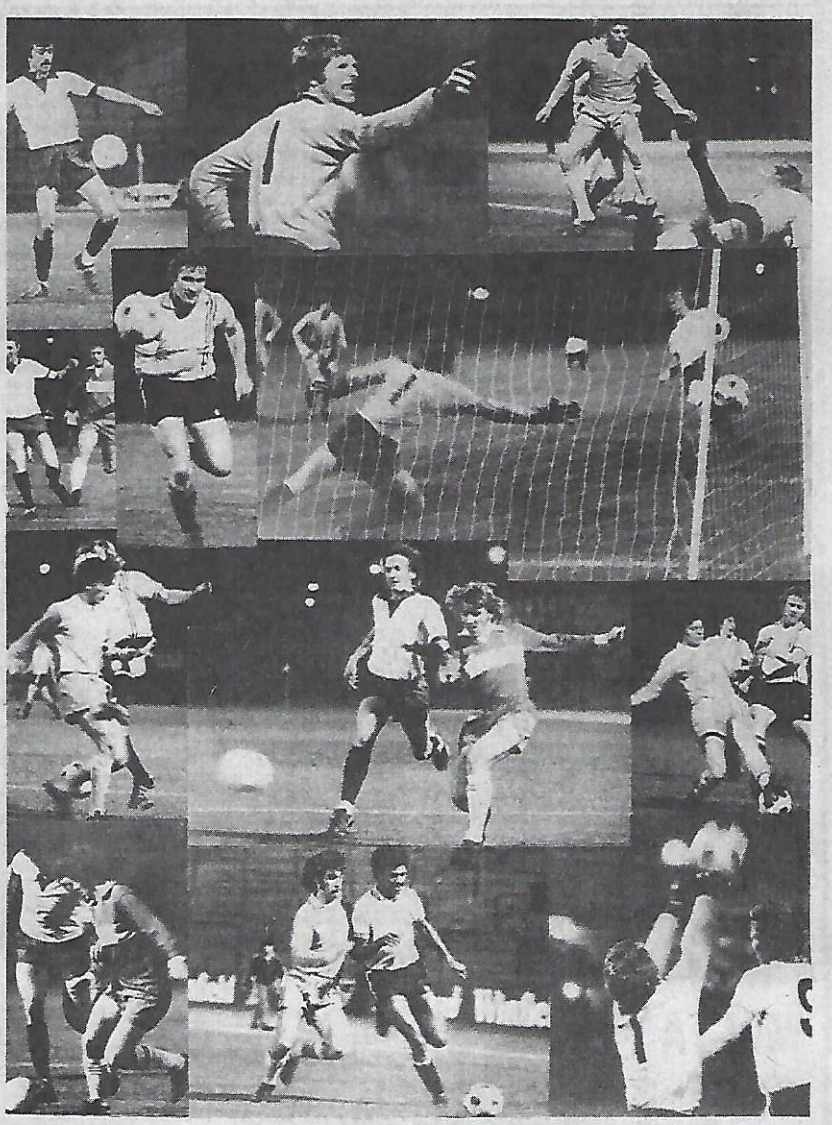
Fast through balls found the Frankston back four struggling and the Lions front runners seemed to be able to burst into the Frankston box at will.

Only rank bad finishing and some very close offside decisions prevented Lions from running up a cricket score as BILAVER, McMillan, Culina and KEN MURPHY lined up scoring opportunities and then blazed high or wide.

Eventually GEORGE McMILLAN found the net with a good solo effort. Then BRIAN DAVIDSON turned the defence inside out for the umpteenth time and laid one on a plate for KEN MURPHY.

The worth of Lion's win is difficult to evaluate, so poorly did Frankston perform.

I don't envy the selectors task this week in picking the team to play George Cross, for if the reserve strength was there at least six players would be facing the axe.



Top Row from left: G. Tribuzie (Green Gully), Mike O'Hara (Hakoah), O'Hara saves watched by Les Nagy. Second Row: Franz Berens (G. G.) and Joe Herman (Polonia), Ken Reed (G. Cross), Paul Murphy (G. Cross), scores a penalty.

Third Row: Bill Jordanou (Hakoah) foils Paul Murphy: Peter Banagan (G.G.) and Ron Horfiniak (Polonia); David Baker, (Hakoah), Robert Cullen and Derek Barron (George Cross).

Bottom Row: John Patton (G.G.) and Andy Czapnik (Polonia); Chris Valli (Hakoah) and Peter Ebini (George Cross); O'Hara saves off Ken Reed's head.

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PRESTON 3 (Flaherty 7, McClymont 25, Beach 35) POLONIA 2 (Dykun 55, Esposito 80).

PRESTON. Laumets, Trajkowski, Petrovski, Fox, Brewerton (sub Petrov) Campbell, McGilfford, McClymont, McMurran, Flaherty, Beech.

POLONIA. Sierokowski, Dimitriou (Sent off), Menichelli, Jaworski, A. Czapnik, P. Czapnik, Nierobisz, Horfiniak (sub Kotar), Dykun, Lipiarski (sub Esposito) Herman.

Polonia was staggered just before the game to receive a ruling from the A.S.E. that BOGDAN WISNIEWSKI's clearance papers were not in order, and the player, who starred on Wednesday night, had to stand down.

Preston was much the better side in the first half and bolted to a three goal lead by half-time with goals from FLAHERTY, McCLYMONT and BEECH.

As so often happens in these cases, Preston fell away in the second term and Polonia came into the game.

At this stage some Preston supporters started to rubbish their own players, which of course only worsened matters.

After 55 minutes DYKUN cracked in a bullet-like shot that PETER LAUMETS never saw and with ten minutes left, RALPH ESPOSITO jumped high to head home a second.

GREEN GULLY 1 (McGill pen 35) SLAVIA 1 (Bennie 10).

GREEN GULLY. Denys, P. Banagan, Cole, Berens, Donaldson, Patton, McGill, Vassallo, Segi, Tribuzio (sub Hamill), Waterman.

SLAVIA. Clarke, Thomson, Owens, Miller, Symington, Train, Baker, Pye, Monaghan, Bennie, Williams.

STEVE BENNIE caught the Gully defence napping in the 10th minute and snatched the lead.

Gully equalised when SIGI was grassed in the box and JIM McGILL converted the penalty.

Bennie 'scored' three more times, but each one was offside.

In the closing minutes, FRANZ BERENS went up for a corner, and headed against the crossbar.

This week

All good things must come to an end sometime, as George Cross found out on Saturday, but its wonderful run of eighteen games without defeat deserves commendation.

Slavia's hopes of overhauling George Cross rallied with the Cross' defeat, but it dropped a point too, at Green Gully. In fact none of the top four could manage a win and this gives Altona a faint show of making the finals.

Frankston, with a dismal performance against Lions, slumped to its third successive loss and has to face George Cross this week.

Nevertheless Frankston will play a big part in the four's final composition as it has to play three of the present four.

Undoubtedly the match of the round this week is the clash between bitter local rivals Altona and Sunshine.

Ground advantage might be the telling factor here, with both sides playing well.

Forecast

Saturday: JUVENTUS v Ringwood C Sunday Polonia v GREEN GULLY Prahran Slavia v ESSENDON LIONS Altona C v Sunshine City Hakoah v PRESTON Frankston City v GEORGE CROSS.

Player of the week

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Team of the Week

VAN DER POEL (Altona)

KERR (Lions) — MUSSEL (Sunshine) — GRAMSBERGEN (Altona) — GARTHWAITE (Ringwood)

WISNIEWSKI (Polonia) — BARRON (George Cross) — BLAIR (Hakoah)

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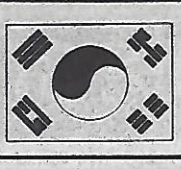

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Australia and South Korea line up before the game at the Sydney Spo

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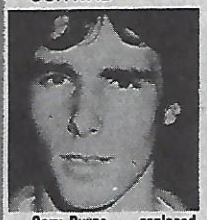
LAURIE SCHWAB on the big match, with comments by former national coach RALE RASIC. . .

RASIC

New help turn

The appearance of Attila Abonyi and Gary Byrne as substitutes in the 64th. minute, and the emergence of Peter Ollerton in the second half, swung the balance Australia's way after South Korea had dominated the first half.



Gary Byrne — replaced Harris.

Socceroo hopeful Adrian Alston — a spectator at the game.

It is to coach Jim Shoulder's credit that he used Abonyi and Byrne when he did. Previously Shoulder had resolutely resisted change.

John Nyskohus had been struggling in attack, as he did against Iran and Hong Kong. His replacement by Abonyi effectively restored the three-man attack.

The full backs are so vital to Australia's style of play because they are relied upon to provide the flank play. **George Harris** had a "downer", making defensive mistakes and failing to provide thrust down the right, so it was a wise move to use Byrne in Harris' position. Byrne did the job well.

Abonyi's greatest contribution was that he varied Australia's attacking play which had been confined almost exclusively to high balls to the head of Ollerton or, occasionally, to **Murray Barnes**.

Abonyi added a little spice by passing a good ball and running past defenders, into space to collect the return. It was a move like that which almost resulted in Abonyi scoring just after coming onto the pitch. All that prevented a goal was a courageous save by goalkeeper **Byun Ho Young** — the save in which Byun injured his lower back and had to be carried off on a stretcher.

Ollerton was matched in the air by **Cho Young Jeung** (No. 8) in the first half but after the interval Ollerton was devastating, winning most of the high balls and nodding them down intelligently.

He also figured in the move with Abonyi, during which Byun received his unfortunate injury.

John Kosmina deserves praise too, of course. His second goal may have been a fluke — a clearance that bounced back into goal off his chest — but only goals win games and Kosmina scored both of them.

Having said all that, we must face harsh reality. Australia did not play well. It was the third successive World Cup match in which the Socceroos have failed to live up to expectations. They were sloppy in Adelaide against Hong Kong, they lost to Iran in Melbourne and this time they just scraped home.

Kuwait is our next opponent, and it's the last home match. Venue is the Sydney Sports Ground and the date is Sunday, October 16. On its way to Australia, Kuwait will meet Hong Kong on October 2 and South Korea on October 9.

Kuwait, coached by former Brazilian national coach **Mario Zagalo** is said to have an excellent attack, but the team generally is not as skilful as South Korea.

Forward **Cha Bum Keun** (No. 11) and midfielder **Cho Kwang Lae** (No. 4) were the most skilful and most dynamic of the Koreans.

Cho dominated the midfield almost completely and Cha took on two and three Australians at a time and beat them.

Korea had an additional weapon in the free kicks of left back **Kang Byung Chan** (No. 10). They were long and accurate and always created danger.

Big Korean striker **Kim Jae Han** (No. 16) had an excellent partnership with **Cha Bum Keun,** a partnership that produced Korea's goal.

Star forward Cha Bum Keun, scorer of Korea's goal, gets in a shot despite this tackle by Harry Williams. All pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

The Koreans' pure skill and team work were impressive. They had the ability to play up to five or six one-touch passes whereas the Australians found it necessary to run with the ball, look up, look down and only then deliver the pass.

RASIC: The match can best be summed up by saying that we should be ecstatic because we won, but that we should be disappointed by the nature of the performance. It was one of our worst team performances for a long, long time — even worse than against Iran. We created very few chances. Everything was hesitant, speculative, accidental.

The game starts with a long free kick from Korea's defence. **Peter Wilson** and **Allan Maher** go for it together, making it unnecessarily hard for both of them. Seconds later, at the other end, **Jimmy Rooney** shoots on the turn but Byun saves with ease.

Ollerton is bearing down on a loose ball inside the penalty area. It's a great scoring chance if he gets to the ball, but **Dave Harding** runs into Ollerton's way!

Kosmina comes into play for the first time with a great diving header that flashes past the post after a free kick taken by George Harris. The crowd applauds Kosmina's effort.

Australia is playing with a slight wind, which should be an advantage. As it turns out, it's no help at all.

The first spark of genius from **Cha Bum Keun** comes in the sixth minute as he shows off his brilliant ball control on a breakaway pass from **Huh Jung Moo.** Coach **Kim Jung Nam** had said before the game that Huh would be one of three strikers but in reality, Huh is back in midfielder, giving Korea a 4-4-2 formation against Australia's 4-3-3.

The Australian midfield is inferior to Korea's. Only Barnes gets involved in attacks and the only danger created from midfield comes from Jimmy Rooney's free kicks.

There's panic in the Australian penalty area after 10 minutes. Left back **Kang Byung Chan** sends one of his devastating long passes to **Cha Bum Keun** who runs right up to goalkeeper Maher in what looks like disaster for Australia. Wilson stops Cha in the nick of time but the ball rolls to **Kim Jae Han** facing an open goal. Kim shoots but **Harry Williams** appears from nowhere to make a desperate clearance with Maher stranded out of goal.

RASIC: It surprises me that Jim Shoulder doesn't have Cha marked more closely. Cha is a brilliant footballer and he's causing all the danger at the moment. When we played against Korea in 1973 Cha played further back, in midfield, but he's even better here as a front runner. Big Kim Jae Han is the decoy, pulling out Wilson and Bennett, and thus creating space for Cha.

Cha is continually breaking away behind Williams. Clearly, the left side of our defence has to be tightened.

In the 15th minute Cha strikes again, beating Bennett on a solo run towards goal but being cut off by Wilson running across his path.

But Australia comes back quickly with a shot by **John Nyskohus**. Unfortunately the ball comes off defenders' heads.

RASIC: Australia is not trying to draw out the South Korea defence. Against defensive tactics you try to play first in your own half to make the opponents come towards you and leave room at their rear. Instead of doing that, we are pushing the Koreans into their half, where they simply stand resolutely in front of their goal.

AUSTRALIA 2 (Kosmina 63rd & 75th) SO
Sydney Sports Ground, crowd 8719.
Player ratings:
AUSTRALIA: Maher 6; Harris 5 (Byrne
Barnes 7, Harding 6, Rooney 6; Kosmina 8.
SOUTH KOREA: Byun Ho Young 7 (injured
7, Park Sung Wha 6, Cho Young Jeung 8, Ka
Jong Duk 6 (Kim Jim Kook 80th), Cho Kwa
9, Kim Jae Han 8.
Referee: Keizer (Holland) 9.

Brilliant midfielder **Cho Kwang Lae** receives first aid treatment after being injured in initiating a spectacular series of one-twos.

As if in retaliation, Korea scores in the 23rd minute.

Once again it is left back **Kang Byun Chan** who starts the move, with yet another of his expertly taken free kicks. Big **Kim Jae Han** nods the ball back from the near post into the middle where **Cha Bum Keun** is completely unmarked. Cha lashes out at the ball and plants it firmly into the net. It's 1-0 for Korea. To

Australian captain Peter Wilson — a worried man as Korea led 1-0.

Korean goalkeeper Byun Ho Young, who was injured later, make by Barnes. At left is Dave Harding and in the middle Cho Young

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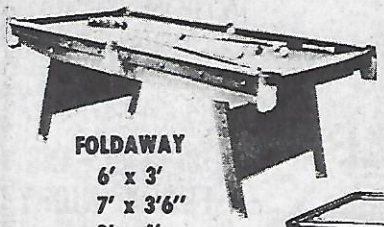

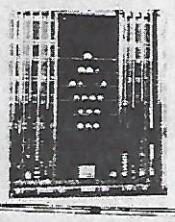

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Bearded Murray Barnes clashes with Korea's Kang Byung Chan.

Korean captain Kim Ho Kon (left) cuts in front of Peter Ollerton. At right is centre back Cho Young Jeung.

most of the pathetically small crowd of 8719, Australia is well and truly out of the World Cup.

RASIC: They should have woken up to the danger posed by Cha. You can't leave a man like that alone in the penalty area. We're playing the same way we did against Iran — without steady build-ups, and always at the same speed. The Koreans are changing pace well and breaking quickly. Australia is showing no style, imagination or character. Irrespective of the individuals in our team, we should set a style for those individuals. This does not appear to have been done. We are playing accidental football.

In the 31st minute Kosmina squeezes between **Park Sung Wha** and **Cho Young Jeung** to get his head to Rooney's free kick but the attempt goes over the bar.

RASIC: The Koreans are concentrating heavily on Rooney. He's given very little room in which to play, but they're leaving Harding alone. Harding should be doing more with all the space he's got and Harris should be creating more from right back.

Murray Barnes, who's flashing in and out of the play with some intelligent work and some good attempts at goal, misses narrowly with a good shot after Ollerton had laid the ball at Barnes' feet with a good header.

It's one of Australia's few calculated moves. Most of the time, the Socceroos are relying on loose balls and are hoping for the best in the air.

In contrast, Korea's moves are purposeful and deadly, as **Choi Jong Duk** (No. 12) demonstrates with a low pass into the centre where Harris misses the ball, allowing it to roll to **Cha Bum Keun.** Cha's shot beats Maher but whistles past the post.

RASIC: No. 4, Cho Kwang Lae, has put on a magnificent performance so far. He has the difficult task of marking Rooney and also being creative in midfield.

Kosmina figures in two good moves during which Australia looks capable of scoring. First he gets past the defence to send over a cross. It finds Barnes who heads powerfully but **Kim Ho Kon** gets in front of him to stop the ball. The second move is identical. Kosmina crosses to Barnes' head and this time it is goalkeeper **Byun** who stops the ball, turning it for a corner.

RASIC: As I said during the game against Iran, Barnes should be used as a striker. He's ideal for the position.

Half time comes and there's jubilation in a small section of the terraces where a group of banner-waving Koreans have set up base. There's dancing in front of the group during the interval.

The public address system announces as the teams return that there are no changes in the Australian team. The crowd boos.

Only a minute after half time **Harry Williams,** whos runs have been few and far between, dashes into attack and creates havoc with a pass meant for Ollerton. Although Ollerton fails to control the ball, he makes amends by laying it back to Harding comeing from behind but Harding blasts over the bar.

RASIC: At half time I would have put on Abonyi for Nyskohus, and also introduced a new midfielder.

Kosmina flashes into play once more by going to the right corner flag and crossing to the middle. Ollerton manages a back-header which the groping goalkeeper just barely gets to.

RASIC: That's the right attitude. We have to stretch their defence by going wide the way Kosmina did just then.

But at this stage the game is still balanced Korea's way **Kim Jae Han,** on the turn from a short pass by Cha, smashes a shot inches over the bar in a great move by the Koreans.

RASIC: Every centre by Korea has purpose. Most of ours is no more than hopeful.

Suddenly Gary Byrne and Attila Abonyi rise from the substitute bench and start warming up. The crowd gives a big cheer. Ironically, Australia scores while these two are still on the sidelines.

Argentina '78

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Rooney sends a free kick into the penalty area where **Peter Wilson's** attempt is repelled by goalkeeper Byun. Kosmina runs onto the loose ball and puts it into the net for the 63rd minute equaliser.

A minute later Byrne and Abonyi come on for Nyskohus and Harris.

Abonyi, bristling with enthusiasm, throws himself into the fray. He makes a fine run off the ball and Ollerton spears it through to him. Abonyi is headed for goal and likely to score but Byun comes out courageously and collides with Abonyi while going down for the ball. Byun cannot get up and is finally carried off on a stretcher.

A doctor is to say later that Byun has an injury to the lower region of his spine but that he will be OK. The goalkeeper is taken by ambulance to St. Vincent's Hospital after the game.

His replacement, **Kim Whang Ho,** is inches smaller than Byun and as a result he has trouble in the air. The Korean defence seems to lose its composure with Byun gone.

RASIC: Australia will win now. It'll be 2-1.

Ollerton is prominent now. The Koreans expressed fear of Ollerton before the game. That fear now proves to be justified as Ollerton heads just over the bar from Wilson's free kick in the 76th minute.

Then Barnes goes on a run through the defence before the ball goes to Byrne who aims it into the middle. Ollerton challenges goalkeeper Kim, leaving Cho Young Jeung to hook the ball out into what he hopes will be safety. However, Cho's clearance hits Kosmina's chest and bounces back into the net for Australia's winning goal.

RASIC: Unbelievable! I was going to say that Barnes is a very positive player today and before I could get it out he starts the move that leads to that incredible goal. Korea's play has deteriorated. In the first half front runners Kim and Cha played up near the half line, always alert to breakaway chances. Now they're hanging around Australia's 20 metre zone, where it's much harder for them to get anything done.

Abonyi starts a move by giving the ball to Kosmina and running on for the return, but Kosmina decides to shoot instead, and grazes the top of the net.

With 10 minutes to go Korea replaces the inconspicuous midfielder **Choi Jung Duk** with **Kim Jim Kook.**

RASIC: Ollerton has really benefited in this half from the presence of Abonyi and Byrne because these two have helped make Australia's play more purposeful. Kosmina is also better now.

But Korea manages another attack. A good run and cross by **Cho Young Jeung** gives Kim a chance at the far post but he heads wide.

A factor in Australia's better second-half performance is the fact that Williams has kept a closer eye on **Cha Bum Keun.** There have been less heart-stopping moments for Jim Shoulder since the interval.

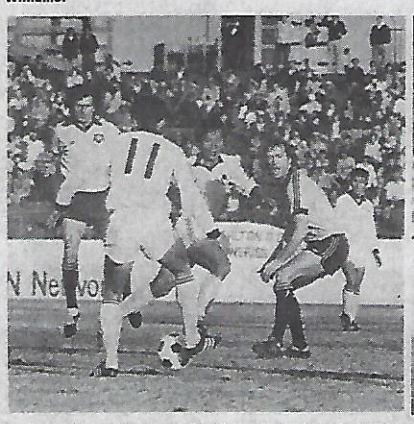
Shoulder says afterwards that in his opinion, South Korea is a better team than Iran, and that it wouldn't surprise him if Korea beats Iran in Teheran on November 11. It would be a good result for Australia.

Standings in the Asian World Cup qualifying group:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Iran	3	2	1	0	3	0	5
Australia	3	2	0	1	5	2	4
Sth Korea	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Hong Kong	3	0	0	3	0	6	0
Kuwait	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Next game: Hong ong v Kuwait, October 2.

South Korea's 6ft 3ins striker Kim Jae Han wins a high ball under pressure from Harry Williams.



Attila Abonyi (left) and David Harding (right) look like they expect the worst as Cha Bum Keun (No. 11) prepares to take them on.

Peter Wilson throws his arms up in joy as Kosmina scores the winning goal.

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Local talent tops, so let's push it harder

By ALAN ROSS

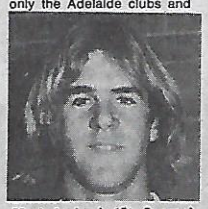
In the NSW season proper some 150,000 juniors turn out in their matches each Saturday.

Nowhere else in Australia is there such a huge pool of players from which talent can be drawn.

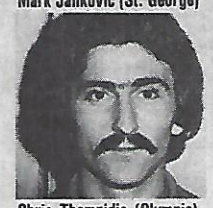
A check of a recent turnout of locally born or trained players in NSW national league teams gives the following count:

Marconi 8, St. George 9, Olympic 5, Wests 5, Hakoah 4, (6.2 players a team).

On the same day the average local content of all other teams was 2.8, with only the Adelaide clubs and Brisbane City approaching the NSW situation.



Mark Jankovic (St. George)



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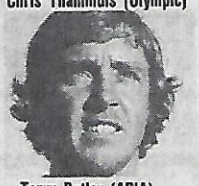
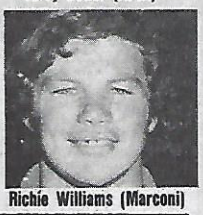


Terry Butler (APIA)



Richie Williams (Marconi)

In fact it would be a completely fair generalisation to state that the top clubs in the League, with little room for exceptions, are largely the clubs with the greatest Australian born or trained content!

Here indeed is positive proof that local talent has a strong place — and surely an increasing place — as after all this is just the beginning of the Australian League.

This position has been reached in NSW with a certain amount of good management — and an added component of luck.

The luck comes in where a club does not plan a youth policy, but picks up some good youngsters just because they are there.

In fact each club should examine itself against the yardstick of whether it is producing, or just receiving!

My old friend **Jack Martin,** the man who did so much to turn **Allan "Spider" Maher** from a late starter into the national team goalkeeper, puts it this way.

"Out of 150,000 players in NSW we should be producing 5,000 really good footballers, if the system was working properly".

Jack ought to know.

In Sydney's North Rocks, where he lives, the local club fields 53 teams each winter Saturday.

Just up the road is Baulkham Hills. They turn out 53 teams also.

Even enthusiastic Jack would lose count of the myriad of teams and players in other clubs in the immediate surrounds.

Yet very few class players come through from all this activity.

It is enjoyable to play all-age, but surely this cannot be the peak of a player's ambition.

Players have to be provided with more ambition.

More attempts have to be made to place the worthwhile possibilities with senior clubs.

Marconi, St. George and Wests have the best record in the building of local juniors.

Each club, and not the least of them Marconi, checks and counter checks on junior prospects.

Out of such systems have come players like **Gary Byrne, Peter Sharne, Bert Mariani, Paul Degney, Stuart Robertson, George Harris, Harry Williams, Brendan Grosse, Mark Jankovic,** the **O'Sheas, Kevin Mullen, Steve O'Connor, Murray Barnes, Warren Turnbull, Lloyd Hardes, Peter Stone, Richie Bell, Billy Palmer, Gary Meier, Greg Allan, Don Allan** and **Chris Themnidis.**

If you could cast a glance through the records of the clubs you would see just how many youngsters could be named as being ready to move into first league teams shortly.

Some are already prepared to command a place in many interstate teams ahead of expensive imports, if they were given the chance.

Richie Williams, Mark Samuels, Gerry Figon, Ian Rowden, Alan Fischer, Greg Woodhouse, Peter Terry, Emrey Holmick and **Peter Raskopoulos** are examples.

This year there has been perhaps an understandable tendency for State League clubs to attempt to store up their talent behind impenetrable barriers.

However the realists amongst the officials and coaches have recently been prepared to point to many youngsters whose future must be shaped at national league level.

Apart from the transfer fees involved, they have seen their role as being one of expediting progress of the game as a whole, and they have realised that such players must be given the chance to reach their potential.

A check — and certainly not an exhaustive one — reveals plenty of players in the NSW State League who should be given the chance to lift themselves, including the following:

Steve Meades, Craig Hall, Keith Schumann (Sutherland), **Tim O'Maye, Kevin Coleman** (Granville), **Don Smith, Ian Stone** (Croatia), **Peter Torziovski** (Wollongong City), **Mike Fraser** (APIA), **John Lembryk** (Bankstown), **John Zeros** (Canterbury), and **Peter Ahrens** (Avala).

Others, a bit more senior, include **Steve Hoszowski** (Auburn) and **Terry Butler** (APIA).

It was only a couple of years ago that **Col Bennett** battled his way up from the local district to Sutherland, APIA, Brisbane Lions and the Australian team.

I have a lot of time for Col as a resolute player, but please don't tell me that NSW cannot produce a number more who are right in his undoubted class.

His old club Sutherland alone already has two defenders who have just as much potential as he did.

And a few years ago a NSW under 16 coach named **Joe Vlasits** pulled **Richie Bell, Gary Meier** and **Billy Palmer** from junior into senior football.

Bell will be back with the Socceroos when his injury mends, and surely Gary Meier could soon be in the same category as well.

Hakoah's Steve O'Connor — a local product.

Australian goalkeeper Allan Maher at training. He came up from the juniors.

Wells is SA boss

Mike Wells, technical adviser of West Adelaide Hellas and director of coaching of the SA Junior Soccer Association has been appointed State coaching director.

The appointment means SA now has a full time coach qualified to lecture and coach throughout the country as well as the metropolitan area.

Mike Wells has coached State age teams, holds the ASF Senior coaching award and is a member of the London Football Coaches' Association and the National Coaches' Association of North America.

Switch pays off

Joe van Gerven (pictured) is the top goalscorer of the Twin City Wanderers under 12s at Wodonga, yet he played full back until the start of this season.

His transformation to striker has been quite striking, for he has scored 26 goals so far, including four hat-tricks.

It goes without saying that his team is on top of the ladder in the Albury-Wodonga soccer league.

In fact, the club holds top position in every one of the seven divisions — including seniors.

Tigers roar to top

At right is the Nunawading under 10 team, aptly named The Tigers.

The boys have roared into second place on the ladder, scoring 57 goals and conceding only six.

Top scorers are **Middleton** with 17 and **Poatma** with 15.

The boys, pictured, are, standing from left — Ronnie Barlag, Gavin Bell, Simon Middleton, Edward Postma, Ashley Cocker, Steve Guscic. Front, from left — Dean Gorrie, Vince Gioia (captain), Andrew Hoey, Stuart Deane, Dean Newham, Jim Triangolo, Dwayne Gerdes, Absent — Damian Linsdell, Andy Strickland.

Marconi tops

Marconi's juniors have an enviable record for the 1977 season.

All four of its junior teams finished in the finals and the under 16s and under 15s actually won their grand finals.

The under 13s were runners-up.

What's more, the national league under 19 Comets finished the season undefeated at the top of the ladder.

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NON-NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

The front page of a newspaper is indeed a strange thing. The headlines scream catch phrases of speculation on would-be world-shattering events in the world of soccer only to be turned into today's joke on reflection.

KNUT WERNER

The funny side of soccer that can be extracted from a series of yesterday's front page prognostications could be rivalled in the present only by the most blatant joke contrivance, or Ernie Sigley's gag writers, whichever comes first.

Looking over the front pages of past "**Soccer Actions**" we came across these portents and their eventual realities.

Volume two, Issue 1 — **CELTIC AND NEW YORK MAY TOUR!**

Actually it's not the best one to start with as this was half right, but we have still to get a glimpse of Cosmos. The reason could have been that the Federal Government objected to Qantas being rivalled by the 11 private Jumbo jets of the Cosmos team).

PAPAIANNOU TO JOIN ALEXANDER — presaged issue 6. He didn't!

Issue 7 — **TANSEY OUT OF WORLD CUP SQUAD** — He isn't.

COURT TO END SLAVE TRADE? — said number 11. It didn't. The whole exercise failed to get to court.

DOMAZOS FOR HELLAS? — I'm afraid not, Domazos never made it to Hellas.

Issue 14 splurged — **FRANZ TO U.S. FOR $6.3 MIL.** Too inflated, he went for $2.6 mill.

No. 20 continues with that non-event court case — **WHIT SEEKS RELEASE FOR TAYLOR**, but I'm afraid it was writ off.

So continuing, we find that — **ASIA MAY BE CUT FROM CUP** — was only a superficial wound.

IVAN SURJAK FOR J.U.S.T.? — was just not on. (Sorry about that).

So on it goes. Information is received from club leaders, a myriad of soccer officials, informers, stool pigeons, people in the know, people out of the know, players, coaches, linesmen, referees, friends of referees (?), people who drink in the right places, AAP, AP, UPI and the odd partridge in the pear tree.

This information is then exploited for the front page in an effort of eye captivation and remuneration in coin.

The track record of information received and reality achieved is not good, not bad, depending which way you want to look at it.

So we must come to the conclusion that the people associated with the soccer industry in this country are either : (a) stupid, (b) misinformed, (c) partridges out of their tree, (d) compulsive liars, (e) not really people who drink in the right places, or (f) soccer officialdom's hopeless dreamers who, after having heard something like — "Did you hear the one about the miller's daughter . . ." in passing conversation at Olympic Park, throw their brain into overdrive and go through the following thought process.

Olympic Park, Miller, Mueller, friend of Beckenbauer, Beckenbauer gone to New York Cosmos, Cosmos, Olympic Park . . . Cosmos to play at Olympic Park! Must make a phone call!

"Hello Laurie Schwab? Well, I suppose you have heard the news. Great, isn't it, that Cosmos are going to tour Australia?

"Cosmos are going to tour Australia?" asks L.S.

"They will be brought out here by the ASF for four matches. Two in Sydney, one each in Melbourne and Adelaide.

"They will be wearing blue and orange uniforms and staying at the Old Melbourne Inn. They have been invited to our new club rooms for dinner."

As these stories usually come in late on Monday there is no way of checking them out. And besides, officials at ASF don't commit themselves by denying anything.

Just as retrospect has a way of making a liar out of the front page, why should my headlines below not make a Nostradamus out of me?

PELE SIGNS WITH MOOROOLBARK.

MUELLER HEARS THE ONE ABOUT HIS DAUGHTER.

HELLAS GETS CLUB ROOMS.

GEORGE WALLACE GROWS HAIR.

WERNER APPOINTED MASSUER OF NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAM.

ST. GEORGE, HAKOAH, WESTERN SUBURBS GET A SPECTATOR.

Horsfall gives Wills the KO

By RON DARLINGTON

Warm sun and firm grounds made a pleasant change from recent weeks and some Victorian Industrial League teams found the conditions much to their liking.

IN Division 1 Pegasus still need the table with 26 points from 15 games but had to work hard to take both points off Ford Falcons. Twice the Falcons took the lead but they couldn't hold out against Pegasus' pressure in the last 30 minutes.

Barry Horsfall was the danger man for W.D. & H.O. Wills who lost 1-4 to McColl Dynamo 'A'.

All square at half time, it was Horsfall who broke the deadlock. Three times he drifted through the Wills defence and helped himself to two goals and layed one on for **Tony Sciciuna.**

Kodak United scored the best goal of the match against Melbourne Meats but it was only a consolation goal, 4-0 up at half-time the Meatmen made it eight before the final whistle with **Vilim Borovnjak** scoring four of them.

Tarax also scored eight in beating Bowater Scott. They also led 4-0 at half time, but six players shared their goals.

R.A.C.V. took the lead after 15 minutes when **Marek Konopka** found the net. Repco Richmond tried for 70 minutes to score the equaliser before Peter Gray made it safe for R.A.C.V. in the 85th minute

The top of the table clash in Division 2 ended all square at 1-1. This match lived up to expectations with both teams in top form. The mid field clash between **Brian Wilkinson** and **Bobby Heeps** went slightly Wilkinson's way but Sperry got their own back in bottling up the workers' danger man **Andre Lavale.**

Kingford Leading Goalscorer Award up to and including August 21. Only League championship matches count for this award.

Division 1: 17. Milosh Adamovic (Tarax), 16. Tony Sciciuna (McColl 'A'), 15. Barry Horsfall (McColl 'A').

Division 2: 19. Dietmar Mueller (Siemens 'A'), 17. German Nunez (A.C.I.), 11. Steve Tanner (V.R.I. 'A').

Division 3: 16. I. Johnston (Lysaght), 13. Mladen Mutic (Diecraft), 12. Joe Falzon (Colyer).

Div. 4 East: 23. Vince Tagliaferre (Keeley), 16. Victor Pauvif (McColl 'B'), 14. John Brown (Fibremakers).

Div. 4 North: 24. Andrew Nicolaou (Travellers), 23. Chris Skersis (K.S.C.), 18. George Ioannou (Travellers).

Div. 4 West: 22. Peter Deliopoulos (Parory), 19. Cane Trajkovski (James Miller), 19. Mirko Vasilovski (Quaker LUV).

The battle of the airlines ended the T.A.A. completing the double over Ansett.

Siemens 'A' had a convincing 3-0 win over Philip Morris and A.N.Z. Bank 'A' downed A.C.I. Box Hill 2-1.

It was a close match between Middle Park V.R.I. 'A' and Bosch, with only a 55 minute goal by **Brian King** the difference between them but it was sufficient to give Middle Park the points.

Colyer Watson eased off some of the pressure at the top of Division 3 by beating challengers C.B.C. Bank 3-1.

Two points behind the Rovers are LYSAGHT who beat Fibre Containers 4-0. Lysaght who have still to play the Rovers appear to be the only team with a chance of moving Rovers from the top spot.

Diecraft had a good win ar Reyrolle United beating the home team 3-1, the same score that Taxation United beat Rowntree Headley.

The match between L.E.T.S. and Leyland was expected to be close and so it was. **John McCormack** scored for L.E.T.S. in the first half and **Charlie Piscopo** scored the equaliser for Leyland.

McColl Dynamo 'B' had a bye in Division 4 East and just had to watch whilst Keeley United took over the leadership of the division on goal average through beating Cester United 5-0.

The Age who had a real tussle with Fibremakers United before beating them by the only goal of the match could have an influence on the championship since they have to play both McColl and Keeley.

Barry Burden scored yet another hat-trick for E.S.C. Tools in their 4-2 win over Tessa Town but it was much closer at Ringwood Lanes where a couple of goals by **Steve Vickers** put the Lanes 2-0 up.

The Workers were obviously worried and brought on **Errol Phelan** who quickly found the net to make it 2 all before **Peter Lambie** got the winner for the Workers with two minutes to go.

Andrew Nicolaou scored six of Travellers Melbourne's 11 goals in their win over A.N.Z.Bank 'B'.

Only A.R. Split can challenge Travellers for the Division 4 North Championship. Travellers, with three matches to play, require three points to be more certain of the championship than they are now.

A.R. Split also had a high goalscorer in **Ivica Cesiyar** who scored five of the six goals they scored in beating Caulfield Spears.

It was much closer at Repco Cooldrive where A.G.C.F. registered their fifth win of the season in beating the home team 2-1

There is no change at the top of Division 4 West where C.I.G. head the table after beating Aquila Steel but close on their heels come James Miller who beat Middle Park V.R.I. 'B' 5-0, **Cane Trajkovski** scoring a hat-trick in the process.

Fixiure list for Sunday September 25. Kick off 10 am.

Division 1. Bowater Scott v R.A.C.V., Repco Richmond v Kodak United, Tarax v McColl Dynamo 'A'.

Division 2. Sperry Vickers v Bosch.

Divsion 3. Diecraft v Taxation United.

Division 4 East. Ringwood Lanes v Cester United.

Division 4 North. Caulfield Spears v A.H.D., A.R. Split v A.N.Z. Bank 'B'.

To be played on Sunday September 18. K.O. 10.00 am. K.S.C. United v A.H.D.

Rovers clear Austria hurdle

KEILOR AUSTRIA 0 ALBION ROVERS 2

Austria team: Schul, Grbac, Anderson, Pejkovic, Santos, Ganglmair, Stojanovic, Meneses, Newton, Beller, Valensuela. Subs: Abela for Grbac, injured, 72nd min; Cabrera for Stojanovic, injured, 72nd min.

This was Austria's first defeat in 10 games. Fittingly enough, its last previous defeat was also to Albion Rovers, 2-3.

It was a good, fair game, won by the better team. Rovers had three clear scoring chances from which they scored two goals.

Austria is more than satisfied with the way the team fought back this season after hovering near the bottom early in the year.

President Ignaz Martinu hopes for promotion next year and praises coach Milenko Rusmir. "We're very happy with the coach and we hope that he stays with us for many more years," Martinu said.

Austria's best players were Juan Anderson, Fred Schul, Pedro Santos, Guenter Ganglmair and the 15-year-old Slav Pejkovic.

Austria's remaining games are against Western Suburbs in Sunshine this week, against Croydon the following week and against Wests again in a postponed match the week after.

The club's presentation night is on September 17.

KEILOR CITY 1 CROYDON 2

Croydon City kept their promotion hopes alive with a lucky 2-1 win over Keilor City at Churchill Reserve, St Albans on Sunday.

Keilor City belied their lowly position on the 1st Division ladder as they matched Croydon in all departments for most of the game. It was Croydon however who made the most of their opportunities to run out winners.

Croydon opened the scoring 25 minutes into the game when a high ball reached the edge of the penalty area where it was touched on by Roy Hamilton for Jim Blacker to tuck it away past the Keilor City goalkeeper.

Just before half time Croydon won a corner on the right. Charlie Murphy played the ball nicely to the far post where it was pushed out to Mike Sinclair waiting on the edge of the area. Sinclair's cannonball shot gave the Keilor City defence no chance and it all but burst the net.

Luck didn't run with Keilor City in the second half they hit the crossbar and also had a goal disallowed before they finally got one that counted 33 minutes into the half.

Croydon almost made it 3-1 when a short corner by Mike Sinclair to Tommy Kelly who in turn sent a nicely measured cross to Mike Lynn but his header hit the post from close in.

Best for Croydon were Jimmy Wylie, Mick Sinclair, Mick Plunkett and Charlie Murphy.

The Croydon Reserves could only manage a 1-1 draw against Keilor City Reserves. This followed their Saturday's 2-1 loss against Sunshine City in the Armstrong Cup.

Next Saturday Croydon face Dandenong City at Croydon Park.

Second Division

DOVETON 0 BELL PARK 0.

Doveton: Riess, Taylor, J. Wilson, Thurlow, Bonner, Spalding, Sweeney, Roderick, Gaw, Starczeski, McMinimee. Sub: G. Wilson.

Bell Park: Vanjek, King, Rhodes, Talef, Mackelden, Milanovic, Vermuellen, Bassi, Munoz, Cuell, Orsiz.

Doveton's best players: McMinimee, Roderick, Riess, Bell Park's: Bassi, Rhodes, Vanjek.

It was an exciting game with plenty of goalmouth action during which both goalkeepers made splendid saves.

Bell Park played a tight-marking game and due to Bassi, held a sharp edge in midfield.

Bell Park had the better scoring chances. A 40-metre lob by Munoz found Ortiz with lots of space inside the penalty area but Ortiz could not make a firm connection with the ball.

Metro League round-up

In the second half, a shot by Munoz hit the crossbar.

BRIGHTON 1 ELTHAM 1.

Scorers: Brighton, D. Garper 9 min; Eltham, R. Curcija 71 min.

Brighton: A. Geddes, B. Fulton, D. Garper, R. Parry, P. McDonald, D. Murphy, J. Williams, P. Mercoulia, P. Avent, A. Tubb.

Eltham: L. Finlay, A. Lee, P. Emsden, A. Raynes, G. Kirkwood, S. Bruce, L. Gooney, R. Curcija, T. Watson, J. Cochran, R. Kristic, (D. Spaniak, G. McIntosh).

Eltham kept its promotion hopes alive by taking a point from their clash with Brighton on Saturday.

With four games remaining Eltham cannot afford to drop more than one or two points if they are to overhaul Collingwood.

Two of these gams are against Doveton, the top side and this year's division champions. The other two fixtures are Fitzroy and Richmond, both promotion contenders.

Eltham were a little unlucky not to get the winning goal after dominating play for most of the game.

Brighton had a good start when Garper put them ahead after only 9 minutes of play.

Rude Kristic had the easiest chance to level the scores, when he ran onto a through ball which left him with only the Brighton keeper to beat. Rade was hesitant to shoot and lost his chance when the keeper swept the ball away from his feet.

Eltham maintained the pressure into the second half, with Brighton relying on the occasional breakaway.

Eltham were putting their passes together well and, Brighton held on grimly.

Sandy Bruce, Les Gooney, Tony Watson and Rayko Curcija were all prominent in the many attacks but the finishing was not up to the standard of the approach work.

Another open goal went begging when Watson was put through after a good move between Bruce and Curcija.

Minutes later Gooney executed a brilliant pass inside the left full back Garper and Curcija ran onto the ball and calmly slipped it past the keeper.

Tension began to build up in the last 20 minutes as both sides fought hard for a winner.

Lyndon Finlay in Eltham's goal, a consistently brilliant player, pulled out several good attempts by Brighton and Alan Raynes and Andy Lee in the Eltham backline cleaned up the loose balls.

Provisional League

CENTRAL ALTONA 6 SOUTH DANDENONG 3.

Scorers: Central Altona: Lazarevski (6 min) Surlevski (pen 57 min) Kentepozidis (own goal 65 min) Gavazovski (66 min) Guillemin (own goal 76 min) Vasilevski (88 min). Sth Dandenong: Hartman (25 min) Malishev (29 min) Roussety (44 min).

Central Altona Team: Sokolovski, Kekovski, Lozanovski, Serovski, Navmouski, Skubevski, Tembievski, Atanasovski, Lazarevski, Vasilevski, Surbevski, Gavazovski (sub).

Sth Dandenong: Bolton, Rawlings, Kentepozidis, Guillemin, Borg, D'Argent, Fauvette, Sevannah, Hartman, Roussety, Malishev, Captieux (sub.)

A penalty, two own goals, and a curious lack of confidence in the second half downed Souths after they had led 3-1 at half-time.

Most of the good football came from Central Altona who could be a good side with more discipline in the team (Lazarevski was sent off).

FRANKSTON PINES 3 GREENSBOROUGH 1.

Scorers: Bennett, 8 mins; Cherry 15 min; Broderick 20 min; (Frank Pines). McGilp 40 mins; (Boro).

Pines: Francis, McMurtry, Elfern, Bennett, Lewis, Watson, Cherry, Kerr, Malcolm, Cameron.

Greensborough: Payne, Norris, Ferrier, Smith, H. Ellis, Robertson, Morton, Beer, McGilp, Koenen, C. Ellis.

Pines started off down the slope but against the wind and had the Boro under pressure from the start.

At the eight minute mark Pines attacked down their right side only to see the ball roll to Ellis who let the ball run for Payne to pick up. But Bennett was only a yard away and gladly collected the ball to smash a great shot past a helpless Payne. A bad mistake by the usual-

Pines were playing some great soccer and it looked as if Boro were in for a thrashing. Another good move by Pines had the Boro defence at sixes and sevens and Cherry had all the time to put another one on the board for Pines.

At last Boro started to settle and with Beer breaking on the left had only Francis to beat but his shot was saved.

Back came the Pines with another attack with the Boro defence giving away a corner.

Once again the Boro left men unmarked and a short ball saw Broderick give Payne no chance.

This was the best soccer that Pines have served up all season. However, the Boro were starting to get into their stride and Smith ran through and laid the ball back to Koenen only to see his shot saved by Fancis.

Boro kept up the attacks and got a corner. McGilp using the wind, beat the defence to score direct from a corner.

The second half saw the Pines run out of steam and Boro had enough chances to at least save a point.

Morton was giving a lot of drive for Boro. A good move from Boro saw Robertson lay off a great ball to McGilp who floated the ball for Koenen to head home but Francis brought off a great save.

Back came Pines with Malcolm breaking through but Payne made a diving save at his feet.

C. Ellis, Robertson, Morton and Norris were making it tough for the Pines now but still couldn't get the ball into the net.

With time running out Smith went past the Pines defence drawing Francis out, he chipped the ball to Koenen who put it over the bar.

Pines were glad to hear the final whistle and Boro, instead of saving a point had they taken their chances are now in 5th place.

Best for Pines — Bennett, Malcolm, Pauliding, Francis.

Best for Boro — C. Ellis, Norris, Morton, Smith.

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doveton	19	14	3	2	52	11	31
Collingwood	20	11	3	6	42	26	25
Eltham	18	8	6	4	31	23	22
Alexander	19	7	7	5	25	24	21
Richmond	19	8	5	6	23	23	21
Ferntree G	20	8	4	8	27	27	20
Bell Park	19	6	6	7	29	37	18
Brighton	19	7	3	9	29	34	17
Moreland	20	5	6	9	25	40	16
J.U.S.T.	19	5	5	9	23	37	15
Mooroolbark	20	5	4	11	31	39	14
Hellas	20	4	4	12	20	36	12

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Albion	18	13	1	4	46	21	27
Box Hill	19	11	3	5	44	21	25
Croydon	18	11	3	4	36	18	25
Ardeer	19	9	5	5	32	15	23
Austria	19	8	5	6	32	18	21
Dandenong	18	7	6	5	37	25	20
Waverley	18	9	4	5	24	19	20
Western Subs	19	7	3	9	22	36	17
Springvale	17	6	3	8	16	23	15
Keilor C	18	5	5	8	21	34	15
Melbourne	18	2	4	12	21	48	8
St Albans	19	1	2	16	13	66	4

Third Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Knox City	19	13	3	3	45	15	29
Pt Melb	19	10	5	4	37	22	25
Chelsea	19	10	5	4	35	22	25
Prahran C	19	9	6	4	40	25	24
Heidelberg	19	5	9	5	25	25	19
Broadmeadows	17	7	3	7	22	26	17
Park Rangers	19	6	4	9	24	25	16
Yallourn	20	4	7	9	37	39	15
Essendon C	19	4	7	8	21	32	15
Coburg	19	6	3	10	21	34	15
Ringwood	18	4	5	9	23	39	13
Moorabbin	19	2	9	8	21	43	13

THIS WEEK

The First Division championship continues to be a cliff-hanger.

Box Hill slumped to a second successive defeat and this week's clash with Albion Rovers is a cup-final for the Hillmen.

A loss means the end of promotion hopes, as Albion and Croydon have a game in hand.

Ironically, Croydon meets Box Hill in a postponed game on September 17, but it might be too late.

Albion Rovers, with home matches against Box Hill, Springvale (the next day), and Waverley and one away against Waverley, would seem to be in the box seat.

All that is needed now for State League status is harmony in the club, on and off the field.

Forecast: Saturday. CROYDON C v Dandenong C, ALBION ROVERS v Box Hill, ARDEER v Waverley City. Sunday. St. Albans v Keilor City (draw), Western Suburbs v KEILOR-AUSTRIA.

In Second Division Doveton are champions, the point against Bell Park being all that was required.

The battle for second spot continues to be an absorbing one, with the odds slightly favoring Collingwood City.

Collingwood has the points on the board and meets Footscray at home and then Brighton away.

Eltham has to meet Doveton twice, Fitzroy at home and Richmond away, a formidable programme.

While the relegation position is not yet resolved, it looks like two of the national league reserve sides will tumble.

Forecast: ELTHAM v Doveton, BELL PARK v Sth. Melbourne, FERNTREE GULLY v Moorooolbark, COLLINGWOOD CITY v Footscray, Fitzroy v BRIGHTON, RICHMOND v Moreland.

In Third Division four clubs are locked in a very tight struggle, with only Knox City locking certainties for one promotion spot.

An intriguing aspect is that Port Melbourne and Prahran meet twice, while Chelsea meets Yallourn at home and Broadmeadows and Heidelberg away.

It could mean that Chelsea's defeat at Essendon last Saturday, plus the loss of John Irvine, out with a broken jaw, will deny them

Down at the sharp end of the Third Division, five clubs are locked in a desperate struggle, with Moorabbin and Yallourn looking worst placed.

Forecast: Ringwood C v Essendon C (draw), CHELSEA v Yallourn, Port Melbourne v Prahran C (draw), KNOX CITY v Coburg, BROADMEADOWS v Moorabbin, PARK RANGERS v Heidelberg.

Fourth Division is the simplest of all to evaluate, Doncaster Rovers and Morwell Falcons will be promoted. The question is, which club will be champions?

Possibly we will have to wait until September 17 when the two meet at Doncaster, but congratulations to both and especially Falcons, who lost the first three in their first year in the Federation, and have now won 13 straight.

Melbourne Uni's win at Monash has obscured the relegation issue somewhat, and it now rests between Uni, Ballarat and Rosebud.

Forecast: Uni of Melb. v South Yarra (draw), SANDRINGHAM v Ballarat, MORNINGTON v Rosebud, Clayton v MORWELL FALCONS, Corio v Monash Uni (draw), DONCASTER ROVERS v Caulfield C.

In Provisional League, Werribee and Fawkner have attained Federation status by heading the Provisional League and will be the first clubs to be promoted under the new set-up.

Greensborough are to be congratulated on their very good showing in their first season out of the District ranks.

LES SHORROCK

Cocker quits

LONDON — Les Cocker, assistant to former England manager Don Revie, has resigned.

Revie last month quit his job as England's boss to accept a 340,000 sterling (537,000 Aust dollar) contract in the United Arab Emirates. Cocker was in charge of the national team during the early part of this summer's tour of South America.

England's caretaker manager **Ron Greenwood**, announced only this week that he would make no changes in the existing staff and Cocker was expected to take charge of the under-21 side for this year's internationals against Norway and Luxembourg.

This week's games

This week's national league and Victorian matches are listed below. Listen to Radio 3EA on Saturday and Sunday to fill in the results.

NATIONAL LEAGUE, Wednesday (tonight)

West Subs v Alexander (Englefield Stadium, 8 pm) (-)
Canberra v Marconi (Seifert Oval, 7.30 pm) (-)

Saturday

Sth Melb Hellas v W. Adel Hellas (Middle Park, 3 pm) (-)

Sunday

Footscray JUST v Alexander (Olympic Park 3 pm) (-)
St George v Canberra (Wentworth Park 3 pm) (-)
Hakoah v Brisb Lions (Wentworth Park 1 pm) (-)
Marconi v West Subs (Marconi Oval 3 pm) (-)
Brisbane C v Olympic (Perry Park 3 pm) (-)
Adel Juventus v Moorooolbark (Olympic Sports field 2.30 pm) (-)

STATE LEAGUE, Saturday

Juventus v Ringwood City (Olympic Park) (-)

Sunday

Polonia v Green Gully (M'mong Res) (-)
Slavia v Essendon Lions (Show Ground, Ascot Vale) (-)
Altona v Sunshine (Kim Res) (-)
Hakoah v Preston (Middle Park) (-)
Frankkston v George Cross (North Seaford Res) (-)

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE, Saturday

Division I

Croydon City v Dandenong City (-)
Albion Rovers v Box Hill (-)
Ardeer v Waverley City (-)
Springvale City v Melbourne (-)

Sunday

St Albans v Keilor City (-)
Western Suburbs v Keilor-Austria (-)

Division II Saturday

Eltham v Doveton (-)
Bell Park v South Melbourne (-)
Ferntree Gully v Mooroolbark United (-)
Collingwood City v Footscray (-)
Fitzroy United v Brighton (-)
Richmond v Moreland (-)

Division III Saturday

Ringwood United v Essendon City (-)
Chelsea v Yallourn (-)
Port Melbourne v Prahran City (-)
Knox City v Coburg (-)
Broadmeadows City v Moorabbin (-)
Park Rangers v Heidelberg (-)

Division IV Saturday

University of Melbourne v South Yarra (-)
Sandringham City v Ballarat (-)
Mornington v Rosebud (-)
Clayton v Morwell Falcons (-)
Corio v Monash University (-)
Doncaster Rovers v Caulfield City (-)

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE — Saturday

Division I

Williamstown v Central Altona (-)
South Dandenong v Geelong (-)
Langwarrin v Frankston Pines (-)
Greensborough v Werribee (-)
Hamlyn Rangers v Hotham United (-)
Nunawading City v Fawkner (-)

Division 2

Carlton v Burnley (-)
North Dandenong v Melton (-)
Hawthorn v Keysborough (-)
Bulleen v West Melbourne (-)
Sunbury v Karingal (-)
East Brunswick v Thomastown (-)

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JUNIOR STANDINGS

VICTORIA

Victorian junior ladders as at August 21:

DANDENONG REGION

UNDER 9A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Knox City	16	12	1	2	30	4	25
Waverley A	15	10	4	1	34	10	24
Box Hill A	15	10	3	2	23	7	23
Moorool A	15	9	4	2	24	7	22
Croydon A	15	7	2	6	18	16	16
Nunawading A	16	6	0	10	14	24	12
Ring Utd A	16	4	3	9	6	15	11
Ring Cy A	16	2	6	8	7	25	10
Doncaster A	16	1	6	9	6	26	8
F.T. Gully	15	0	3	12	3	31	3

UNDER 9B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doncaster B	17	17	0	0	66	5	34
Moorool B	16	11	2	3	47	10	24
Croydon B	16	9	3	4	23	17	21
Monbulk	17	9	1	7	16	16	19
Box Hill B	15	8	1	6	31	17	17
Waverley B	16	7	3	6	18	18	17
Nunawading B	15	6	3	6	21	26	15
Mulgrave B	17	3	1	13	8	45	7
Ring Cy B	16	3	0	13	7	49	6
Ring Utd B	17	0	2	15	0	45	2

UNDER 10A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doncaster A	14	11	3	0	40	4	25
Croydon A	13	8	2	3	43	10	18
Waverley	13	6	4	3	20	8	16
Moorool A	15	6	4	5	12	11	16
Ring Utd A	12	7	1	4	20	7	15
Nunawading A	13	5	2	6	18	24	12
Ring Cy A	14	4	4	6	15	22	12
Mitcham	14	2	0	12	10	54	4
Mulgrave A	14	1	2	11	6	45	4

UNDER 10B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Boronia	16	13	3	0	60	1	29
Nunawading B	16	11	4	1	58	7	26
Doncaster B	15	10	1	4	43	10	21
Knox City	14	9	3	2	32	11	21
F.T. Gully	15	9	1	5	30	17	19
Moorool B	16	4	3	9	23	39	11
Croydon B	15	3	2	10	7	42	8
Box Hill B	14	2	3	9	7	40	7
Ring Cy B	15	1	3	11	9	66	5
Healesville	16	1	3	12	3	38	5

UNDER 11A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moorool A	13	12	1	0	36	3	25
Nunawading A	15	11	2	2	35	13	24
Ring Cy A	13	8	2	3	33	9	18
Knox Cy A	13	5	4	4	18	18	14
Waverley A	11	5	1	5	20	22	11
F.T. Gully	13	4	2	7	16	37	10
Doncaster A	15	4	2	9	9	25	10
Croydon A	13	3	0	10	10	30	6
Box Hill A	15	1	2	12	16	35	4

UNDER 11B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moorool B	15	14	1	0	46	12	29
Knox Cy B	14	11	2	1	52	10	24
Nunawading B	14	9	4	1	28	8	22
Doncaster B	14	7	2	5	33	17	16
Ring Utd	14	6	4	4	26	24	16
Ring Cy B	15	6	2	7	30	37	14
Box Hill B	14	5	2	7	20	21	12
Boronia	14	3	2	9	13	34	6
Waverley B	15	0	3	12	9	40	6
Croydon	15	0	0	15	7	63	0

UNDER 12A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Knox Cy A	14	12	1	1	54	10	25
Devon	15	11	2	2	53	11	24
Doncaster A	14	8	3	3	25	9	19
Box Hill A	14	7	4	3	34	17	18
Ring Utd	15	7	1	7	21	28	15
Croydon	15	6	2	7	21	17	14
F.T. Gully	15	6	1	7	22	33	13
Waverley A	15	4	2	9	29	22	10
Nunawading A	16	5	0	11	17	48	10
Clarinda	16	0	0	16	0	71	0

UNDER 12B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moorooibark	17	16	1	0	67	7	33
Clayton A	16	13	0	3	78	14	26
Box Hill B	15	10	2	3	36	15	22
Lyndale	16	10	2	4	34	15	22
Mitcham	16	8	2	6	37	19	18
Nunawading B	16	6	4	6	29	28	16
Boronia	16	4	1	11	20	45	9
Ring Cy	17	3	2	12	20	25	8
Waverley B	16	3	1	12	9	48	7
Sth Dandy	17	0	1	16	8	94	1

UNDER 12C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Clarinda	15	14	1	0	79	3	29
Mulgrave	16	13	1	2	68	9	27
Doncaster B	14	11	0	3	38	17	22
Healesville	15	6	1	8	20	31	13
Caulfield B	14	6	1	7	23	37	13
Knox Cy B	14	4	1	9	17	28	9
Monbulk	14	3	1	10	6	41	7
Clayton B	14	2	2	10	18	48	6
Dingley	12	1	0	11	4	56	2

UNDER 13A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Waverley	13	12	1	0	50	10	25
Moorool A	11	10	0	1	57	16	20
Doncaster	12	7	0	5	40	14	14
Knox City	11	6	2	4	35	18	14
Box Hill	11	5	0	6	24	23	10
Nuna Cy	11	3	0	8	11	34	6
F.T. Gully	12	1	1	10	12	56	3
Croydon	10	0	0	10	4	68	0

UNDER 13B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moorool B	13	10	1	2	52	18	21
Caulfield	12	9	1	2	58	25	19
Ring Cy	12	8	0	4	43	28	16
Mulgrave	12	7	0	5	40	40	14
Clayton	12	4	2	6	25	31	10
Salesian	12	3	2	7	20	36	8
Boronia	7	1	1	5	10	41	3
Melb B	12	0	1	11	16	45	1

PENINSULA

UNDER 9A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
F. Pines	15	13	2	0	24	2	28
Beaumaris A	14	8	5	2	26	11	21
Peninsula	15	6	7	2	16	11	19
Karingal	15	6	5	4	16	11	17
Cranbourne	15	6	5	4	13	12	17
Seaford A	15	4	5	6	17	20	13
Mornington	15	4	2	9	17	17	10
Overport	16	4	2	10	14	23	10
Hastings	15	0	1	14	10	36	1

UNDER 9B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Springvale	17	14	2	1	56	8	30
Brighton	17	13	3	1	68	10	29
Caulfield	16	11	3	2	69	12	25
Clayton	16	10	3	3	55	16	23
Doveton	17	6	3	8	15	17	15
Seaford B	17	6	2	9	17	35	14
Beaumaris B	17	3	4	10	13	40	10
Chelsea	17	3	4	10	13	48	10
Dingley	15	1	7	7	10	36	9
Sth Dandy	17	0	1	16	4	99	1

UNDER 10A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Clayton A	17	16	1	0	74	8	33
Peninsula	17	11	2	4	37	19	24
Brighton	17	7	6	4	24	16	20
Karingal	17	8	3	6	23	17	19
Doveton	16	6	4	6	37	27	16
Overport	17	5	6	6	25	35	16
Beaumaris	17	5	5	7	28	38	15
Seaford	17	3	6	8	15	35	12
F. Pines	16	2	6	8	7	26	10
Cranbourne	17	0	3	14	5	54	3

UNDER 10B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Springvale	17	13	3	1	43	4	29
Rosebud	17	12	4	1	40	3	28
Sandringham	16	8	8	0	30	9	24
Dandy City	17	8	4	5	33	14	20
Mornington	17	9	2	6	31	16	20
Lyndale	17	7	3	7	20	23	17
Chelsea	17	5	4	8	23	33	14
Berwick	17	5	2	10	22	28	12
Karingal B	16	1	0	15	7	42	2
F. Pines	15	0	0	15	0	77	0

UNDER 11A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doveton	17	12	3	2	48	10	27
Seaford	16	12	1	3	60	13	25
Peninsula	16	9	5	2	36	18	21
Mornington	16	5	7	4	23	23	17
Springvale	17	6	4	7	35	32	16
Beaumaris	17	6	3	8	35	38	15
Karingal	16	6	2	8	16	22	14
Overport	16	5	1	10	22	43	11
Dandy Cy	15	4	2	9	16	27	10
Doncaster	14	1	0	13	0	76	2

UNDER 11B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hampton	17	13	2	2	86	10	28
Brighton	17	13	2	2	104	15	28
Caulfield	17	13	2	2	94	16	28
F. Pines	17	12	2	3	116	17	26
Cranbourne	17	7	2	8	44	34	16
Mulgrave	16	7	1	8	49	38	15
Karingal B	17	6	1	10	10	56	14
Rosebud	16	4	0	12	11	86	8
Dandy Cy B	17	2	0	15	2	105	4
Moorabbin	16	1	0	15	4	117	2

UNDER 12A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Karingal	17	15	1	1	55	15	31
Springvale A	17	13	2	2	62	12	28
F. Pines	16	13	1	2	69	15	27
Brighton	17	10	1	6	42	27	21
Overport	17	7	1	9	36	34	15
Seaford	17	7	1	9	32	35	15
Caulfield A	17	3	4	10	25	33	10
Cranbourne	16	2	5	9	12	27	9
Dandy Cy	17	4	1	12	14	43	9
Peninsula	17	1	1	15	2	107	3

UNDER 12B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Beaumaris	15	10	3	2	44	14	23
Mornington	15	10	2	3	45	12	22
Mordialloc	15	10	1	4	44	17	21
Nth Dandy	13	8	4	1	24	5	20
Berwick	15	4	6	5	14	13	14
Rosebud	14	6	2	6	11	19	14
Springvale B	16	5	2	9	21	28	12
Chelsea	15	2	2	11	16	33	6
Hastings	13	0	0	13	3	76	0

UNDER 13A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Overport	12	11	1	0	38	13	23
Peninsula	12	6	2	4	29	24	14
Doveton	10	5	2	3	22	16	12
Seaford	10	3	3	4	24	22	9
Brighton	11	3	1	7	21	31	7
Dandy Cy	9	2	1	6	10	26	5
Springvale	10	1	2	7	15	29	4

UNDER 13B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelsea	14	14	0	0	78	4	28
Karingal	13	10	0	3	36	11	20
Hampton	13	9	1	3	23	15	19
Beaumaris	13	6	0	7	32	30	12
Keysboro	13	5	1	7	24	24	11
Cranbourne	13	3	1	9	15	50	7
Mornington	13	3	0	10	18	42	6
Sandringham	13	1	1	11	7	55	3

LALOR

UNDER 9

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Albion	16	11	4	1	36	2	26
Sunshine Hts	14	13	0	1	51	3	26
Green Gully	15	12	2	1	56	4	26
Altona	17	8	1	8	18	26	17
Melton A	17	5	6	6	19	19	16
Sunshine Cy	16	4	4	8	9	25	12
Mossfiel	16	4	3	9	6	27	11
Ardeer	14	2	6	-6	8	13	10
Werribee	15	2	2	11	4	35	6
Essendon B	16	3	0	13	1	54	6

UNDER 10A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine Hts	13	9	2	2	31	7	20
West Utd A	14	8	4	2	23	9	20
Albion	12	8	3	1	28	7	19
Melton	14	8	3	3	12	10	19
Essendon	14	5	5	4	24	19	15
Ardeer	14	3	4	7	10	23	10
Sunshine Cy	12	4	0	8	13	16	8
Werribee	16	3	2	11	11	32	8
Green Gully	13	1	1	11	5	34	5

UNDER 10B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Keilor	13	10	1	2	21	3	21
West Utd B	13	8	1	4	25	10	17
West Newport	13	6	5	2	19	9	17
Juventus A	11	7	1	3	28	5	15
Altona	11	4	3	4	17	18	11
Fawkner B	13	2	4	7	7	24	8
Juventus B	12	2	1	9	2	28	5
Sunbury	12	1	2	9	3	27	4

UNDER 11

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Albion	17	17	0	0	91	3	34
Melton	15	11	1	3	29	13	23
G. Gully A	15	9	1	5	20	19	19
West Newport	17	7	4	6	21	19	18
Keilor Cy	15	7	2	6	27	31	16
Altona A	16	7	1	8	15	29	15
Sunshine Cy	15	4	3	8	19	18	11
Sunshine Hts	14	5	0	9	21	27	10
Keilor	16	4	2	10	15	37	10
Werribee	16	0	0	16	4	70	0

UNDER 12A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Altona A	13	9	2	2	41	17	20
Geelong	13	7	4	2	31	13	18
Sun Hts A	11	8	1	2	34	8	17
Sunbury	12	6	4	2	21	9	16
Sunshine Cy	13	7	2	4	41	20	16
West Subs	11	3	1	7	9	29	7
Melton	12	0	0	12	6	50	0
Keilor A	9	0	0	9	3	41	0

UNDER 12B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essendon Cy	12	11	0	1	44	2	22
Green Gully	12	7	3	2	15	12	17
Mossfiel	11	5	5	1	12	9	15
Sun Hts A	12	4	3	5	19	24	11
Keilor B	13	4	1	8	9	20	9
Albion	11	3	2	6	9	14	8
Altona B	13	2	4	7	8	21	8
Kens Utd	14	3	2	9	8	21	8

UNDER 13A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Footscray	15	11	4	0	36	3	26
Altona A	14	10	3	1	44	11	23
Sunshine Cy	14	11	0	3	46	11	22
Green Gully	13	6	5	2	22	9	17
St. Albans	16	8	0	8	19	28	16
Werribee A	15	2	5	8	9	28	10
Essendon	15	3	4	8	17	42	10
Melton A	15	2	2	11	13	44	6
Keilor City	15	0	3	12	4	34	3

UNDER 13B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine Hts	12	11	0	1	57	9	22
Albion	14	10	2	2	50	22	22
Keilor	11	7	2	2	55	17	16
Hotham	13	7	2	4	37	19	16
Ardeer	12	4	2	6	15	31	10
Altona B	14	3	3	8	16	40	9
Melton B	12	2	0	10	20	59	4
Werribee B	12	0	1	11	4	61	1

CENTRAL

UNDER 9

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sth Melb A	13	12	1	0	83	3	25
Nth Dandy	10	8	1	1	47	5	17
Sth Melb B	12	4	6	2	18	15	14
Caulfield	11	5	3	3	45	12	13
Box Hill A	10	3	4	3	14	19	10
Clayton	11	3	1	7	21	29	7
Mordialloc	11	2	2	7	17	44	6
Mulgrave	14	0	0	14	2	112	0

YARRA

UNDER 9A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	15	12	3	1	48	6	27
Nuna Cy A	14	12	2	0	48	6	25
Mitcham	17	10	4	3	41	6	24
Rosanna A	16	10	1	5	39	15	21
Mulgrave	15	9	3	3	24	9	21
Greensboro	16	7	2	7	19	32	16
Boronia	15	6	0	10	16	30	11
Eltham	16	4	1	11	17	63	9
Diamond Ck	15	1	0	14	3	60	2
Collingwood A	16	0	0	16	2	30	0

UNDER 9B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Watsonia	16	12	4	0	28	2	28
Meadow Pk A	15	13	1	1	60	11	27
Essendon A	16	12	2	2	84	7	26
Collingwood B	16	9	2	5	26	12	20
Bundoora	16	8	3	5	32	23	19
Keilor	16	7	0	9	19	25	14
Melton B	17	3	4	10	4	37	10
Sunbury	15	1	3	11	4	33	5
Rosanna B	16	2	1	13	5	57	5
Meadow Pk B	15	1	2	12	1	61	4

UNDER 10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Meadow Pk	15	12	3	0	53	7	27
Greensboro	17	12	3	2	38	11	27
Rosanna	17	8	4	5	20	15	20
Fawkner A	15	7	5	3	26	10	19
Moreland	16	6	5	5	19	21	17
Eltham	16	5	4	7	23	28	14
Melbourne	17	4	4	9	13	25	12
B'meadows	15	3	5	7	15	22	11
Coburg	15	2	5	8	22	30	9
Diamond Ck	15	1	0	14	6	66	2

UNDER 11A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moreland A	14	13	0	1	67	7	26
Essendon	14	9	1	4	40	14	19
Sth Melb	15	7	4	4	51	26	18
Meadow Pk	13	8	1	4	25	17	17
Fawkner	13	5	3	5	20	13	13
Rosanna	14	4	5	6	32	25	13
Juventus	12	4	5	3	13	12	13
Greensboro	14	2	1	11	24	36	5
Eltham	14	0	0	14	1	113	0

UNDER 11B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunbury	17	15	1	1	44	11	31
Fitzroy	15	12	2	1	57	9	26
Altona B	16	8	4	4	23	16	20
Richmond	17	8	3	6	24	14	19
Watsonia	26	7	4	5	11	24	18
Thomastown	17	5	6	6	18	23	16
Moreland B	16	3	3	10	8	27	9
Boronia	15	2	4	9	13	27	8
G. Gully B	15	4	0	11	10	15	7
B'meadows	16	2	1	13	6	34	5

UNDER 12A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Port Melb	15	13	1	1	73	16	27
Sth Melb A	14	9	2	3	50	19	20
Moreland	14	8	3	3	22	19	19
Fawkner	15	5	5	5	26	28	15
Rosanna	13	6	2	5	17	21	14
Thomastown	14	6	2	6	16	24	14
Greensboro	13	5	2	6	14	22	12
B'meadows	13	2	1	10	10	41	5
Collingwood	15	0	0	15	0	38	0

UNDER 12B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	15	14	2	0	81	8	29
Sth Melb B	16	12	3	1	72	16	27
Eltham	15	9	2	4	44	33	20
Kew Pk R	14	8	1	5	41	15	17
Watsonia	13	6	1	6	31	33	13
Coburg	14	4	0	10	20	34	8
St. Marks	13	4	0	9	21	36	8
Bundoora	15	3	0	12	11	29	6
Postal Inst	15	1	0	14	2	83	2

UNDER 13A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne A	15	12	0	3	55	12	24
Sth Melb A	16	11	2	3	46	23	24
Fawkner	14	10	1	3	30	8	21
Thomastown	14	8	3	3	42	26	19
Coburg	14	7	1	6	35	28	15
Watsonia	15	6	2	7	17	28	14
Juventus	14	3	1	10	18	43	7
G'boro	15	2	2	11	17	38	6
Rosanna	15	1	0	14	10	54	2

UNDER 13B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fitzroy	12	11	1	0	76	10	23
Richmond	13	10	2	1	72	13	22
Moreland	14	9	1	4	35	19	19
Star Sport	14	6	0	8	33	29	12
B'meadows	12	4	0	8	10	45	8
Clifton Hill	12	3	1	8	14	49	7
Collingwood	12	1	3	8	4	41	5
Eltham	11	1	2	8	7	45	4

UNDER 14

DIV A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sth Melb A	14	11	2	1	38	11	24
Coburg	15	11	1	3	46	14	23
Box Hill A	15	8	2	5	29	22	18
Waverley A	15	8	1	5	32	19	17
Croydon A	14	6	3	5	21	29	15
Kens Utd	14	7	0	7	29	23	12
Overport	14	3	2	9	16	28	8
Sealford A	15	3	1	11	14	46	7
Moorool A	13	1	0	12	12	55	2

DIV B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moreland	13	11	1	1	49	11	23
Springvale	14	10	2	2	55	15	22
Rosanna	13	8	2	3	33	19	18
Melton	12	7	1	4	25	20	14
Sunshine Hts	12	5	2	5	25	27	12
Knox City	12	3	1	8	21	22	7
Dandy Cy	12	2	1	9	8	38	5
F. Pines	12	1	0	13	8	73	2

DIV C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nunawading	15	14	1	0	58	13	29
Clayton	14	12	1	1	39	8	25
Mossfiel	16	7	5	4	21	24	19
West Subs	17	8	2	7	21	27	18
Albion	17	8	0	9	23	27	16
G'boro	17	6	3	8	28	27	15
Lyndale	16	6	3	7	35	28	15
Waverley B	15	5	2	8	19	32	12
Mordialloc	16	2	3	11	17	31	7
Doncaster	17	1	2	14	12	56	4

DIV D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Keilor	14	13	1

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
George Cross	17	11	5	1	36	12	27
Slavia	19	10	6	3	29	20	26
Juventus	18	6	8	4	26	17	20
Sunshine	18	7	5	6	21	22	19
Altona	19	5	10	4	23	22	20
Frankston	18	7	5	6	21	22	19
Makedonia	18	5	8	5	22	24	18
Ringwood	19	7	4	8	21	32	18
Ess Lions	19	7	3	9	24	21	17
Green Gully	19	3	10	6	20	26	16
Hakoah	19	4	8	7	13	17	16
Polonia	19	1	3	15	13	40	5

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Polonia	17	7	6	4	22	19	20
Slavia	15	6	7	2	21	10	19
Sunshine	15	7	5	3	22	17	19
Ess Lions	15	6	6	3	25	12	18
George Cross	13	7	2	4	26	17	16
Altona	17	5	6	6	19	24	16
Juventus	14	6	3	5	15	12	15
Hakoah	15	3	9	3	13	12	15
Frankston	16	6	3	7	20	22	15
Green Gully	16	5	5	6	16	23	15
Makedonia	14	3	4	7	12	22	10
Ringwood	17	2	2	12	14	35	6

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

DIVISION 1

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croydon C	17	13	3	1	47	17	29
Dandenong	18	8	3	7	22	22	21
Albion Rov	15	8	3	4	36	18	19
Box Hill	15	8	3	4	29	21	19
Western Subs	16	8	2	6	30	21	18
Keilor C	17	7	3	7	23	24	17
Waverley	18	6	4	8	24	28	16
Springvale	15	7	0	8	20	29	14
Austria	17	6	2	9	18	27	14
Ardeer	15	4	4	7	16	27	12
Melbourne	15	2	3	10	16	29	7
St Albans	14	2	2	10	11	29	6

DIVISION II

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doveton	17	14	1	2	65	16	29
Moreland	20	11	3	6	42	32	25
Eltham	17	10	2	5	42	25	22
Brighton	16	10	1	5	52	34	21
Alexander	17	9	3	5	38	27	21
Hellas	17	8	4	5	32	27	20
Bell Park	15	6	3	6	31	33	15
Fernitree G	17	6	2	9	25	30	14
Collingwood	18	5	3	10	23	51	13
Richmond	17	2	6	9	26	41	10
Moorooduark	14	4	1	9	22	28	9
J.U.S.T.	17	0	3	14	12	66	3

DIVISION III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Knox City	15	13	1	1	64	19	27
Prahran C	18	12	3	3	44	24	27
Pt Melb	20	11	4	5	40	29	26
Broadmeadows	17	9	6	2	32	18	24
Coburg	19	8	4	7	26	27	20
Moorabbin	16	6	6	4	35	27	18
Ringwood	16	5	5	6	22	25	15
Chelsea	18	4	6	8	15	20	14
Essendon C	16	5	3	8	32	42	13
Yallourn	18	3	5	10	32	52	11
Heidelburg	19	4	2	13	25	47	10
Park Rangers	18	1	3	14	13	50	5

DIVISION IV

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doncaster	18	14	3	1	45	15	31
Morwell Falc	19	15	0	4	55	18	30
Sandringham	20	12	2	6	49	32	26
Caulfield	19	6	8	5	30	24	20
Clayton	19	7	6	6	35	29	20
Corio	18	7	3	8	23	25	17
Monash	18	8	1	9	31	38	17
South Yarra	19	7	3	8	24	35	17
Mornington	19	7	2	10	24	33	16
Rosebud	18	3	5	10	27	47	11
Ballarat	20	4	2	14	25	45	10
Uni of Melb	18	3	3	12	17	45	9

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doncaster	18	14	1	3	49	16	29
Morwell Falc	17	12	1	4	40	17	25
Sandringham	19	11	3	5	37	26	25
Mornington	19	9	4	6	27	24	22
Monash Uni	17	7	6	4	25	22	20
Corio	18	7	4	7	28	31	18
Ballarat	18	7	3	8	34	27	17
Uni of Melb	20	5	6	9	28	44	16
Clayton	18	6	2	10	24	36	14
Caulfield	18	3	8	7	17	28	14
South Yarra	16	3	4	9	23	38	10
Rosebud	18	2	2	14	17	40	6

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Werribee	19	13	5	1	55	25	31
Fawkner	19	12	4	3	50	28	28
Frankston P	19	10	3	6	48	27	23
Geelong	19	9	5	5	43	30	23
Greensborough	18	10	2	6	34	23	22
Nunawading	17	7	4	6	32	28	18
Williamstown	19	6	5	8	33	36	17
Hotham	17	8	1	8	35	55	17
Langwarrin	19	6	3	10	36	47	15
Hamlyn R	19	5	2	12	23	39	12
South Dandy	19	4	2	13	38	69	10
Central Altona	20	2	4	14	34	53	8

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Geelong	18	10	6	2	49	17	26
Werribee	17	11	4	2	60	25	26
Nunawading	14	11	1	2	42	11	23
Frankston P	16	10	3	3	44	23	23
Fawkner	17	6	7	4	40	31	19
Langwarrin	16	6	5	5	41	27	17
Greensborough	17	5	7	5	33	28	17
Central Altona	19	6	5	8	30	47	17
Hamlyn Ran	17	4	3	10	32	55	11
Hotham	15	5	1	9	20	45	11
Williamstown	17	3	1	13	27	52	7
South Dandy	17	1	1	15	10	68	3

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Keysborough	19	14	3	2	43	19	31
Nth Dandy	17	13	4	0	43	20	30
Thomastown	18	11	4	3	41	18	26
Sunbury	17	10	1	6	32	19	21
Melton	20	8	3	9	41	30	19
E. Brunswick	19	7	5	7	22	24	19
Hawthorn	18	6	4	8	28	30	16
Bulleen	18	3	8	7	20	28	14
Keilangal	17	4	3	10	24	31	11
Carlton	18	2	6	10	24	41	10
West Melb	18	4	2	12	22	63	10
Burnley	17	3	3	11	16	33	9

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunbury	17	12	2	3	46	18	26
Keilangal	18	10	5	3	49	21	25
Melton	20	11	2	7	54	33	24
Carlton	17	10	3	4	39	28	23
Nth Dandy	16	9	4	3	39	13	22
Keysborough	17	7	4	6	41	22	18
Hawthorn	16	8	1	7	33	32	17
Thomastown	17	6	4	7	25	36	16
Bulleen	17	5	2	10	22	32	12
Burnley	17	4	3	10	27	57	11
E. Brunswick	17	3	3	11	22	40	9
W. Melbourne	19	2	1	16	13	78	5

DISTRICT LEAGUE

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Royal Park	16	13	2	1	50	11	28
Gladstone Pk	15	9	3	3	46	22	21
Sth Oakleigh	15	9	2	4	38	20	20
Mordialloc	16	9	2	5	36	26	20
Nunawading	17	7	3	7	38	37	17
Regent	14	5	5	4	25	24	15
Postal Inst	16	6	1	9	26	28	13
Hampton	14	2	4	8	14	42	8
Sandown	15	1	3	11	19	49	5
Pascoe Vale	14	2	1	11	17	50	5

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Royal Park	15	12	1	2	34	14	25
Postal Inst	17	11	3	3	39	18	25
Gladstone Pk	15	11	1	3	37	14	23
Regent	16	8	2	6	38	32	18
Sth Oakleigh	16	8	2	6	25	22	18
Hampton	15	7	2	6	30	30	16
Nunawading	16	5	4	7	25	32	14
Mordialloc	16	5	0	11	25	40	10
Pascoe Vale	15	1	2	12	12	34	4
Sandown	15	1	1	13	19	48	3

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Boronia	15	10	5	0	26	7	25
Yarraville	16	11	3	2	38	15	25
Wiltona	14	6	6	2	32	19	18
Kensington	16	6	5	5	26	28	17
Hawksburn	16	7	2	7	32	37	16
Mitcham	16	6	3	7	29	23	15
Hoanna	16	6	2	8	26	25	14
Menbuk	17	6	1	10	34	30	13
Nth Melb	15	2	6	7	26	49	10
Carnegie	17	2	1	14	14	50	5

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wiltona	17	10	4	3	37	27	24
Boronia	15	11	1	3	52	20	23
Kensington	15	9	4	2	28	18	22
Yarraville	15	10	2	3	43	24	22
Hawksburn	15	9	2	4	40	26	20
Carnegie	15	4	2	9	18	42	10
Mitcham	16	4	1	11	28	37	9
Nth Melb	15	3	3	9	27	48	9
Hoanna	15	3	2	10	24	32	8
Menbuk	15	2	2	11	16	39	6

DIVISION III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Clifton Hill	16	12	2	2	47	16	26
Thornbury	17	11	4	2	39	16	26
Croxton	17	9	5	3	30	19	23
Nth Sunshine	14	7	2	5	22	25	16
Berwick C	16	4	7	5	25	24	15
Stradbroke	16	5	5	6	26	30	15
Diamond Ck	16	6	2	8	27	32	14
Ascot Utd	15	5	2	10	22	38	12
Banksia	15	3	3	9	19	30	9
Noble Park	16	0	4	12	14	41	4

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croxton	16	11	3	2	48	16	25
Nth Sunshine	14	11	1	2	51	15	23
Diamond Ck	16	6	4	6	32	26	16
Berwick C	16	7	1	8	24	36	15
Thornbury	15	6	2	7	17	16	14
Clifton Hill	13	6	1	6	25	28	13
Stradbroke	15	3	6	6	14	20	12
Banksia	14	4	3	7	28	34	11
Noble Park	13	4	1	8	14	40	9
Ascot Utd	14	4	0	10	13	35	8

DIVISION IV

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
East Carlton	15	9	5	1	37	9	23
Centra B'wick	15	11	1	3	48	13	23
Crescent Utd	16	9	3	4	35	18	21
Cheltenham	16	9	3	4	35	22	21
RMIT	17	8	4	5	31	27	20
Balaclava	16	4	7	5	33	34	15
Clarinda	16	6	3	7	34	37	15
Mossfield R	14	4	2	8	20	29	10
Latrobe Uni	13	1	2	10	12	42	4
Frognall RAAF	14	0	0	14	7	61	0

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Central B'wick	17	13	1	3	50	16	27
Cheltenham	17	12	0	5	92	17	24
East Carlton	16	10	3	3	40	20	23
Mossfiel R	15	9	0	6	36	29	18
RMIT	15	7	2	6	31	25	16
Clarinda	17	6	1	10	37	36	13
Crescent	16	5	3	8	23	41	13
Balaclava	15	5	2	8	22	23	12
Latrobe Uni	15	3	3	9	20	44	9
Frognall RAAF	13	0	1	12	6	104	1

THIRDS COMPETITION

DIVISION SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelsea	15	9	3	3	42	17	21
Langwarrin	13	10	0	3	37	18	20
Frankston P	12	8	2	2	43	12	18
Sth Dandy	13	6	1	6	39	39	13
Frankston C	12	6	0	6	25	32	12
Waverley	13	4	2	7	22	37	10
Moorabbin	11	3	2	6	20	29	8
Monash Uni	10	2	2	6	20	39	6
Portsea	12	2	1	10	12	37	4

DIVISION EAST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Williamstown	12	9	3	0	45	18	21
Caulfield C	13	7	4	2	40	25	18
Knox City	11	5	1	5	39	44	11
Doncaster R	11	6	0	5	28	17	10
Brighton	11	3	4	4	22	29	10
Clayton	11	4	1	6	25	32	9
Croydon	10	3	3	4	30	39	9
Monash Uni	14	4	1	9	28	52	9
Doveton	12	2	3	7	26	30	7

DIVISION WESTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Collingwood	13	9	3	1	48	27	21
Fawkner	13	10	0	3	45	19	20
Greensborough	12	7	3	2	34	24	17
Broadmeadows	13	6	3	4	33	23	15
Richmond	11	5	3	3	36	23	13
Uni of Melb	9	3	1	5	13	19	7
Hamlyn	8	2	2	4	13	17	6
Hotham	9	2	2	5	25	36	6
Sunbury	13	2	1	10	18	42	5
Coburg	11	0	2	9	8	43	2

U-20

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Morwell Fal	9	7	0	3	37	17	14
Doncaster	9	6	0	3	18	11	12
Hakoah A	9	5	0	4	15	19	10
*Springvale	7	4	0	3	8	8	8
Hakoah B	5	3	0	2	17	8	6
Army App	8	2	1	5	19	30	5
Uni of Melb	9	1	1	7	9	30	3

*Springvale withdrawn

GEELONG DISTRICT

UNDER SIXTEEN: Brintons v Ballarat walkover to Brintons; North Geelong 2 v Hamlyn Rangers 0; Geelong United 2 v Bell Park 1 (game abandoned); Barwon City bye.

UNDER FOURTEEN: Hamlyn Rangers 9 v Barwon City 2; Bell Park 2 v Chanel College 0; North Geelong v Geelong United — not played.

UNDER TWELVE: North Geelong 5 v Hamlyn Rangers 0; Geelong United 2 v Corio 0; Barwon City 2 v Bell Park 1; Geelong bye.

UNDER TEN: Barwon City v Bell Park 0; Nth Geelong 'A' 6 v Hamlyn Rangers 2; Geelong United 0 v Corio 0; Geelong 3 v North Geelong B 1. Postponed game Barwon city 7 v Bell Park 0.

UNDER SIXTEEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Geelong Utd	15	13	0	2	47	9	26
Bell Park	15	11	1	3	82	22	23
Nth Geelong	15	9	2	6	54	20	20
Hamlyn Ran	16	8	2	6	53	38	18
Ballarat	15	4	0	11	21	62	8
Brintons	15	4	0	11	18	63	8
Barwon City	15	1	1	13	4	64	3

UNDER FOURTEEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bell Park	17	15	0	2	59	15	30
Geelong Utd	16	11	3	2	50	26	25
Nth Geelong	16	10	2	4	46	24	22
Hamlyn Ran	17	8	2	7	47	29	18
Chanel College	17	3	2	12	25	40	8
Barwon City	17	0	1	16	12	80	1

UNDER TWELVE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Geelong	15	15	0	0	101	1	30
Nth Geelong A	16	13	1	2	79	10	27
Barwon City	16	9	2	5	42	29	20
Corio	16	7	1	8	18	28	15
Geelong Utd	15	3	3	9	9	55	9
Hamlyn Ran	15	2	2	11	11	69	6
Bell Park	15	1	0	14	6	83	2

UNDER TEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nth Geelong A	18	15	1	2	81	11	31
Barwon City	18	14	2	2	63	15	30
Geelong Utd	18	13	2	3	54	11	28
Geelong	18	7	5	6	29	27	19
Hamlyn Ran	18	4	4	10	17	51	12
Corio	18	4	4	10	17	51	12
Bell Park	18	3	2	13	12	65	8
Nth Geelong B	18	1	2	15	8	62	4

LATROBE VALLEY

Battle of Britain Cup Final 3 o'clock 4th Sept. Moe United v Churchill United.

SHOPWELL TROPHY: Moe res. Monash res. 1 o'clock.

Laongatha tech school Korumburra high school 12 o'clock at Korumburra showgrounds.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Table as of 21.8.77.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greensborough	11	9	2	0	68	5	20
Dandenong	11	7	1	3	20	16	15
Melton	12	7	1	4	17	19	14
Green Gully	10	4	2	4	22	23	10
United	12	3	1	8	24	21	7
Broadmeadows	12	3	1	8	6	33	7
Doveton	12	2	2	8	15	55	6

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

DIVISION 1: McColl Dynamo A 4 W.D. & H.O. Wills 1; Melbourne Meats 8 Kodak United 1; Pegasus 3 Ford Falcons 2; Repco Richmond 0 R.A.C.V 2; Tarax 8 Bowster Scott 1.

DIVISION 2: Ansett 1 T.A.A. 3; Mid. Park VRI A 1 Bosch 0; A.N.Z. Bank A 2 A.C.I. Box Hill 1; Philip Morris 0 Siemens A 3; Public Works A 1 Sperry Vickers 1.

DIVISION 3: Colyer Watson 3 C.B.C. Bank 1; Fibre Containers 0 Lysaght 4; L.E.T.S. 1 Leyland 1; Reyrolle United 1 Discraft 3; Rowntree Hoadley 1 Taxation United 3;

DIVISION 4 EAST: Fibremakers United 0 The Age 1; E.S.C. Tools 4 Tessa Town 2; Ringwood Lanes 2 Pub. Works B 3; Keeley United 5 Caster Utd 0; McColl B bye.

DIVISION 4 NORTH: Caulfield Spears 0 A.R. Split 6; Olympic Tyre * K.S.C. Utd *; Repco Coaldrive 1 A.G.C.F. 2; Travellers Melb 11 A.N.Z. Bank B 0; A.N.D. bye.

* Walkover to K.S.C. United.

DIVISION 4 WEST: C.I.G. 2 Aquila Steel 0; James Miller 5 Mid. Pk VRI B 0; Quakar LUV 3 Gascor City 0; Siemens Boss 2 RAAF Pt. Cook 4; Parery Florinis bye.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Pegasus	15	12	2	1	40	14	26
McColl Dyn A	14	10	2	2	54	21	22
Tarax	14	6	5	3	44	28	17
R.A.C.V.	14	7	3	4	33	24	17
Melb Meats	14	6	3	5	37	32	15
W.D. & H.O. Wills	15	5	5	5	44	42	15
Ford Falcons	15	5	1	9	33	50	11
Bowster Scott	14	4	2	8	27	48	10
Kodak United	14	2	1	11	21	58	5
Repco Richmond	13	2	0	11	18	34	4

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sperry Vickers	14	9	4	2	30	14	22
Public Works A	15	8	5	2	37	17	21
Siemens A	15	6	4	5	36	30	16
Mid. Pk. VRI A	15	8	0	7	32	36	16
T.A.A.	15	6	3	6	32	35	15
Bosch	14	6	2	6	36	27	14
A.N.Z. Bank A	15	7	0	8	24	30	14
Philip Morris	15	4	4	7	20	30	12
Ansett	15	3	4	8	18	34	10
A.C.I. Box Hill	15	2	4	9	25	34	8

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Colyer Watson	15	9	6	0	38	12	24
Lysaght	15	9	4	2	35	18	22
Discraft	14	8	3	3	32	14	19
C.B.C. Bank	15	7	5	3	28	21	19
Reyrolle United	15	6	5	4	34	25	17
Taxation United	14	5	5	4	26	23	15
L.E.T.S.	15	4	4	7	25	29	12
Leyland	15	3	4	8	22	25	10
Fibre Containers	15	2	1	12	19	55	5
Rowntree Hoadley	15	2	1	12	10	48	5

DIVISION 4 EAST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Keeley United	13	11	0	2	49	5	22
McColl Dyn B	13	10	2	1	40	12	22
The Age	14	8	2	4	32	28	18
Tessa Town	13	6	0	7	36	33	12
Caster United	13	4	4	5	35	40	12
Fibremakers Utd	13	4	2	7	36	35	10
E.S.C. Tools	12	4	2	6	32	45	10
Public Works B	14	3	3	8	23	32	9
Ringwood Lanes	11	0	1	10	8	61	1

DIVISION 4 NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Travellers Melb	13	13	0	0	77	6	26
K.S.C. United	14	10	1	3	47	22	21
A.R. Split

ZIKA NIKOLIC

Prosle nedelje je JUST propustio najlepsu priliku da postigne prvu pobedu u Sidneju u ovogodisnjem prvenstvu. Na papiru Olympic je najslabiji sidnejski klub, ali je ovog puta nadmasio sebe. Odgovarale su mu okolnosti: suv, tvrd i prasnjav teren, nekoliko izmena u JUST-ovom sastavu, sto je pokvarilo ritam plave masine. Zbog nove povrede Andrija Ristica, koji se taman uklopio u igru, i dolaska navalnog igraca Dragana Vasica, ispremestan je citav sastav.

No i pored toga JUST nije igrao podredjenu ulogu cak je po sansama morao da pobedi. Najcistiju priliku je imao Dragan Vasic, koji se nasao oci u oci sa protivnickim golmanom na ivici kaznenog prostora, ali se usepitao. Imao je tremu, kako nam je priznao posle utakmice. Kasnije je ppokazao kako se sutira na gol, ali je njegov sut sa ;25 metara iskosa golman bravurozno odbranio.

Mendo Ristovski je takodje mogao da se upise u strelce u 80. minutu, ali je golman Olimpika bio sretan koliko je tezak. Lopta ga je udarila u nogu, posla u mrezu, ali je slucajno zakacila njegovu ruku i odbila se u korner.

U 30 minutu je Palinkas presao niz igraca, dosao na 10 metara od gola iz kosa, ali ga je protivnicki bek grubo pokosio, posto ga je prethodno pokusao rukama da zadrzi. Jedanaesterac cist kao suza, ali sudija se ogresio o pravdu. Mozda se uplasio da ga Parrott ne poljubi i pokvari mu musku reputaciju.

U 34 minutu Joe Palinkas je pronasao rupu kroz zivi zid sa 35 metra, ali se njegova "bomba" odbila od stative u polje.

U 37 minutu medjasnji je digao zastavu zbog faula nad Mendom Ristovskim. Igraci JUST-a su stali, a Olympic je nastavio da igra, jer sudija nije svirao. Umalo nije pao gol, ali je Boland sjajno intervenisao.

Jes par puta je Boland spasao svoju mrezu od sigurnih golova. Kako je izvukao loptu iz samih rasli u 85. minutu tesko je opisati, ali zaslujuje mesto u rubrici "verovali ili ne". Istina centar for gostju je napravio faul; jer je obema rukama prikovao Kondariosova ramena, ali to sudija nije video. Posto mu je Kondarios posluzio kao odskocna daska, kada je glavom gadjao desni gornji ugao, ali je Boland bio nepobediv.

Jes jednu sansu je imao Olympic, medjutim Kazi je sa same gol crte, gde se stvorio kao Feniks, izbio glavom loptu u polje.

Bas kada je JUST spremao akciju koja je mirisala na gol, sudija je svirao kraj.

DVE VAZEN UTAKMICE U MELBURNE

Lagano ali sigurno JUST se pribliava vrhu tabele. Mic po mic, pa se JUST sa dvanaestog popeo na sedmo mesto. Idduce dve utakmice, obadve u Melburnu na Olympic Parku (protiv Aleksandra i Juventusa iz Adelaide) treba da odluce, hoce li se JUST naci u "stestorki", sto znaci ucesce u nagradnom takmicenju.

JUST ima cist bilans na Olympic Parku ove godine. Igraliste mus lezi, pored toga je u dobroj formi i treba da digra svoju igru pa da pobedi.

DRZAVNA LIGA

Makedonija i Lions nastavljaju igru civaca sa svojim navijacima. Prosle nedelje su ponovo vaskrsli nadu za "cetrorku", koju su sedam dana ranije sahranili. Pobeda Makedonije izgleda mrsava, ali Polonija vec nekoliko utakmica igra kao preporodjena. Uspeh Essendona je daleko veci, jer je Frankston mnogo jaci klub i konkurent za "cetvorku".

IZGUBILI UTAKMICU, POPELI SE NA TABELI

I nebo se saverilo protivu drugog tima JUST-a, rekao bi neutralan posmatrac, ako je video pobednicki gol koji je postigao Aleksandar skoro u zadnjem minutu igre. Pre toga je sudija zazmurio da ne svira dva penala u korist JUST-a. Narocito je bio tezak prekrsaj nad Zorajom, koji je pokosen s leđja na tri metra od gola. Kako je pao vise nije ustao, pa je sa mukom iznet sa terena. Sredinom drugog poluvremena sudija je iskluclo Cvetana Taleskog, a igracu Aleksandra pokazao zuti karton zbog iste krivice.

Posle ovog neocekivanog i nezasluzenog poraza JUST bi postao siguran kandidat za ispadanje, ali je spasen za zelenim stolom. Menadzer Josip Sterpin je pronasao da je Mooroolbark nastupao sa igracima Nationalne Lige na nekoliko utakmica. Usledila je kazna i gubitak bodova, pa se sada Mooroolbark nasao u neslavnoj JUST-ovoj poziciji.

OSTALI REZULTATI U MELBURNE

U Hothamu je Inter poceo odlicno, poveo sa 1:0 pa se povukao u odbranu i izgubio oba boda. Hotham United je pobedio sa 2:1 (0:1). Jedini gol za bele je postigao Milorad Milosavljevic, dok su dobro igrali celu utakmicu samo Franjo Drozdek, Vlado Dovic i Zvonko Mecanovic.

Carlton"SRBIJA se takodje izvukla iz opasne zone, posto je posle tri meseca ispravljena greska na tabili. Carlton je vodio sa 5:2, kada je Melton prekinuo utakmicu. Neki mudrac je pogresno registrovao rezultat, pa je potrosena hrpa papira da se ispravi greska. Na ova dva posteno zaradjena boda, Carlton/Srbija je dodala jos jedan posle nedelje protiv Karingala u gostima. Utakmica se zavrsila 2:2 (1:1). Strelci za Carlton: Ivkovic iz penala i Milan Velickovic. Nanjbolji igraci: Rade Bjelogrlic i Vjko Ceranic.

PELISTER I VOJVODINA U FORMI

Posle sedam mrsavih godina nailazi plodan period za PELISTERA. Prosle nedelje su zabeleizli drugu pobedu nad Regentom sa 1:0. Jedini gol je postigao Apostolovski, a najzasluzniji igraci su bili T. Janovski, S. Janovski i Cokalovski.

Povratak starog trenera Petrovica doneo je Vojvodini iz Wiltone vrednu pobedu nad Hawsburnom sa 7:3 (5:1). Da utakmicu nije poceo domaci sudija pobeda bi bila daleko veca. Sastav Vojvodine: Stanislav Peska, Janko Cuz (Ljube Kitanovski of 65. m.), Mendo Paunov, Pavle Oravec, Andreja Stresnjak, Paul Gallo, Rade Nobilo, Mane Bijaic, Jack Kordanovski, Jimmy Dervusovski, Misko Kordanovski. Strelci za Vojvodinu: Jimmi Dervusovski 2, Janko Cuz 2, Paul Gallo, Rade Noblio i Mane Bijaic.

Treci tim INTERA je pobedio Doncaster u Springvaleu sa 4:3. Strelci: Kaim Kitko u 9 m., Zvonko Mecanovic u 35, Milenko Culibrk u 40. i Stevo Matic u 60. minutu. Najbolji igraci: Mecanovic i Hitko.

INDUSTRIJSKA LIGA

PEGAZUS je samo ispunio formalnost kada je pobedio Ford Falcons sa 3:2, jer prvenstvo vec ima u dzepu. Golove su postigli: Fus, Petelnik i Ovcar po jedan.

TARAX je proslavio rodjenje sina Ace Todorovica visokom pobedom od 8:1 nad Bowater Scottom. I slavljenik se upisao u strelce, posto je odigrao utakmicu zivota. Mozda bi bilo jos vise golova da sretni tata nije poceo da cascava jos pre utakmice.

Sastav Taraxa: Kazi 8, Fekete 7, Brkic 7, Rankovic 7, Davis 7, Mladenovic 8, Kosovac 7, Kresinger 7, Ademovic 7, Pantic 8, Todorovic 8.

Johann Cruyff (right) — went to Barcelona from Ajax. Franz Beckenbauer (left) — left Bayern Munich for New York Cosmos.

Are football players Europeans?

By DAVID HAWORTH

Are football players "Europeans"? That is, are they subject to the European Economic Community's fundamental principle of free movement of labour? International transfers in football are becoming so commonplace these days that several problems have arisen.

Kevin Keegan and **Ivan Buljan** went to Hamburg and **Uli Stielike** to Real Madrid. Earlier **Raymond Kopa** went to Real Madrid and **Johann Cruyff** and **Johann Neeskens** to Barcelona.

The trouble is that certain national football federations forbid their clubs to have more than a certain number of foreigh players in their team. In France, for instance, the French football federation has set a maximum of three foreign players to be employed under contract by each club, and even then only two are permitted to play in the same league match.

In Germany, a similar rule applies and not more than two foreign players are allowed in any first or second division team. The Italians are even more restrictive — no foreign players are allowed at all.

In Belgium the rules are slightly less harsh since a player is not considered a foreigner once he has lived for a certain number of years in Belgium.

For several years, the Community's institutions, and in particular the Court of Justice and the European Commission, have been battling to have these federation rules changed. The rules are quite simply against the basic principle of the Common Market: Europeans have the right to free movement in any Community country and the right to work in any of them.

Last year the European Court of Justice ruled quite categorically that no football club should be prevented from taking on a player from another Community country simply on the grounds that he was foreign or that the team already had two or three foreign players in it. This court ruling is valid in all nine Community countries.

In reply to a written question from a member of the European Parliament, the European Commission which acts as watchdog over the Community regulations, has confirmed this judgement. Soccer players have the right to free movement and establishment in any Community country.

The only time he may be refused a place on a team is in an international match when teams represent their own countries.

The logic is as follows: a London club can sign up any player it likes from Lancashire, Wales, Yorkshire, Scotland, etc. A Bavarian club can sign up any player it likes from the Ruhr region, Saxony, etc. These clubs do not have to limit the numbers of Welsh or Saxonians they have playing in their team, so why should the number of Italian or Danish players be restricted?

In the Community, the Treaty of Rome rules give an Italian player the same job status as a French player. The law of the land — for the Community — has been agreed, now it should be accepted.

Officials of the European Commission have already met, on a number of occasions, the directors of the European Football Union.

It is possible that a mammoth "round-table" session will be held in October to bring together managers, players, European and national authorities to try to find a solution. But a solution will not be easy.

Naturally, Europe's football managers want to respect the European regulations. They also know that foreign players can be a benefit to all: better for the team, better for the quality of football and better for the spectators.

Another problem is that not all foreign players who go to France, Germany or Belgium are necessarily all from the Community.

Some of the best players in French football, for instance, come from Poland, Hungary and Argentina. Community regulations do not cover such players, but is it possible to avoid discriminating against them?

(Through the Observer Foreign News Service)

New boss says England will reach Argentina

Ron Greenwood, England soccer manager after the departure of Don Revie to the United Arab Emirates, is optimistic about his side's chances of making next year's World Cup finals in Argentina.

To do so, England would have to thrash Luxembourg and beat the Italians in the remaining qualifying matches this year.

Greenwood said "In football, I have always been taught that nothing is impossible, although that does not mean it won't be difficult."

Greenwood has been appointed temporary manager for those two matches and the friendly against Switzerland at Wembley on September 7.

Greenwood will name his squad this week for the match against Switzerland and he plans to include **Kevin Keegan** now with the West German club Hamburg.

"Keegan's contract with Hamburg provides that he be released for England's World Cup games," Greenwood said. "We are going to ask them if he can be available for the Switzerland match."

Greenwood also promised a happier style of management. "In this country we are too intense, we take ourselves too seriously. I have learned that we need a kind of lightheartedness," he said.

England captain Kevin Keegan is outjumped by Holland's Johan Neeskens. Keegan will play against Switzerland.

England's record under Don Revie is set out below:

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Result
1974				
Oct 30	Wembley	Czechoslovakia (EC)	3-0	W
Nov 20	Wembley	Portugal (EC)	0-0	D
1975				
Mar 12	Wembley	West Germany	2-0	W
Apr 16	Wembley	Cyprus (EC)	5-0	W
May 11	Limassol	Cyprus (EC)	1-0	W
May 17	Belfast	Northern Ireland (HI)	0-0	D
May 21	Wembley	Wales (HI)	2-2	D
May 24	Wembley	Scotland (HI)	5-1	W
Sept 3	Basle	Switzerland	2-1	W
Oct 30	Bratislava	Czechoslovakia (EC)	1-2	L
Nov 19	Lisbon	Portugal (EC)	1-1	D
1976				
Mar 24	Wrexham	Wales	2-1	W
May 8	Cardiff	Wales (H)	1-0	W
May 11	Wembley	Northern Ireland (HI)	4-0	W
May 15	Hampden Park	Scotland (HI)	1-2	L
May 23	Los Angeles	Brazil (BT)	0-1	L
May 28	New York	Italy (BT)	3-2	W
May 31	Philadelphia	Team America (BT)	3-1	W
June 13	Helsinki	Finland (WC)	4-1	W
Sept 8	Wembley	Rep. of Ireland	1-1	D
Oct 13	Wembley	Finland (WC)	2-1	W
Nov 17	Rome	Italy (WC)	0-2	L
1977				
Feb 9	Wembley	Holland	0-2	L
Mar 30	Wembley	Luxembourg (WC)	5-0	W
May 28	Belfast	Northern Ireland (HI)	2-1	W
May 31	Wembley	Wales (HI)	0-1	L
June 4	Wembley	Scotland (HI)	1-2	L
June 8	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	0-0	D
June 12	Buenos Aires	Argentina	1-1	D
June 15	Montevideo	Uruguay	0-0	D

Overall record:
Played 30: won 15, drawn 8, lost 7, goals for 52, against 26.
Players used: 52.

Key: EC = European Championship
HI = Home Internationals
BT = Bicentennial Tournament
WC = World Cup

Welsh switch good news for Scotland

Wales seem certain to play its World Cup qualifying match against Scotland on October 12 at London's Wembley Stadium, where England plays its international matches.

Cardiff City chairman **Stefan Terlezki** said that Wales could not play at Cardiff's Ninian Park Stadium because the crowd capacity of the ground could not be increased in time for the match.

The maximum attendance at Ninian Park has been fixed at 14,050 and the Welsh Football Association has said it would have to take the match elsewhere if the crowd limit is not raised to at least 25,000.

It now seems certain that the match will be played at Wembley.

The game is Wales' only remaining home match in Group Seven of the European qualifying tournament and its removal from Cardiff will surely be to the Scots' psychological advantage.

In their previous World Cup encounter on home territory Wales grabbed a 3-0 victory over European champion Czechoslovakia.

Wales leads the group on goal difference. Wales, Scotland and Czechoslovakia all have two points from two games.

THREE MUELLERS LEAD SCORERS

After three rounds of the West German Bundesliga, three Muellers were leading the goalscorers.

Gerd Mueller of Bayern Munich and Dieter Mueller of Frankfurt had six goals each while Hansi Mueller of VFV Stuttgart had four.

Dieter Mueller scored all his six goals in Frankfurt's 7-2 victory over Werder Bremen.

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JUVENTUS AGAIN?

Zoff, Bettega among stars

Claudio Gentile

Roberto Bettega

Will Juventus repeat its success of last season by winning the 1977/78 Italian First Division championship?

Last season's triumph was achieved by just one point over their Turin neighbours, Torino.

All season, the neighbouring Italian clubs had been neck-and-neck. Perhaps Torino can feel a little disappointed — how many times in soccer history has a club lost only ONE game, yet failed to win the title?

It was a memorable season for The Zebras, winning the U.E.F.A. Cup, while also providing the nucleus of Italy's national team, but Torino will be breathing down their necks once more.

DINO ZOFF: Signed July, 1972, 428 First Division games, 57 full caps, ever-present last season. Born 28.2.42.

ANTONELLO CUCCUREDDU: Signed November, '69, 186 First Division games, 21 goals, four caps, 29 games last season and one goal. Born 4.10.49.

CLAUDIO GENTILE: Signed July, '73, 73 First Division games, two goals, nine caps, 29 games last season, one goal. Born 27.9.53.

GIUSEPPE FURINO: Signed July, '65, 232 First Division games, nine goals, 3 caps, 26 games last season, one goal. Born 5.7.46.

FRANCESCO MORINI: Signed July, '69, 342 First Division games, no goals, 11 caps, 26 games last season. Born 12.8.44.

GAETANO SCIREA: Signed July 74, 108 First Division matches, two goals, four caps, ever-present last season. Born 25.5.53.

FRANCO CAUSIO: Signed July '66, 216 First Division games, 42 goals, 28 caps, ever-present last seaston, 5 goals. Born 1.2.49.

MARCO TARDELLI: Signed July '75, 54 First Division games, six goals, 10 caps, 28 games last season, four goals. Born 24.9.54.

ROBERTO BONINSEGNA: Signed July '76, 337 First Division games, 152 goals, 22 caps, 29 games last season. Born 13.11.43.

ROMEO BENETTI: Signed July '76, 243 First Division matches, 39 goals, 35 caps, ever-present last season, four goals. Born 20.5.45.

ROBERTO BETTEGA: Product of Juventus' junior teams, 179 First Division games, 77 goals, 10 caps, ever-present last season, 17 goals. Born 27.12.50.

ALSO PLAYED LAST SEASON: **Antoni Cabrini** (7 games, 1 goal); **Sergio Gori** (7 games, 1 goal); **Luciano Spinosi** (7 games, no goal) and **Alberto Marchetti** (6 games, no goal). **Berni** of Perugia and **Silipo** of Catanzaro scored own goals.

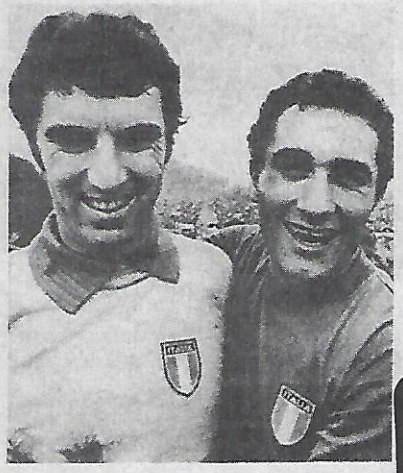
JUVENTUS, back row, from left: Trapattoni (manager), Morini, Cabrini, Spinosi, Alessandrelli, Zoff, Benetti, Miani, Bettega, Bizzotto (assistant manager). Middle row: Cuccureddu, Furino, Gentile, Gori, Boninsegna, Causio. Front row: Corino (Masseur), Tardelli, Marchetti, Capuzzo, Scirea, De Maria (masseur).

Honors

Italian League Champions for the 17th time: 1905, 1926, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1950, 1952, 1958, 1960, 1961, 1967, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1977.
Five times winners of the Italian F.A. Cup: 1938, 1942, 1959, 1960, 1965.
U.E.F.A. CUP: Winners in 1977. Runners-up in 1965 and 1971. European Cup runners-up in 1973.

LEAGUE RESULTS

Lazio	3-2	(a)	58,925 Bettega 2, Boninsegna
Genoa	1-0	(h)	42,000 Boninsegna
Foggia	1-0	(a)	25,000 Bettega
Catanzaro	3-0	(h)	36,828 Gentile, Bettega, Cuccureddu
Milan	3-2	(a)	64,100 Bettega 2, Benetti
Verona	2-1	(h)	28,408 Bettega, Causio
Cesena	1-0	(a)	26,477 Boninsegna
Torino	0-2	(h)	66,420 —
Fiorentina	0-0	(h)	33,918 —
Bologna	1-0	(a)	34,257 Causio
Perugia	1-0	(h)	25,281 Berni o.g.
Napoli	2-0	(a)	82,442 Boninsegna, Scirea
Inter	2-0	(h)	64,782 Boninsegna 2
Roma	1-3	(a)	59,035 Bettega
Sampdoria	3-0	(h)	30,797 Tardelli 2, Bettega
Lazio	2-0	(h)	35,192 Tardelli, Boninsegna (pen)
Genoa	2-2	(a)	42,961 Boninsegna, Bettega
Foggia	1-0	(h)	36,013 Bettega
Catanzaro	2-0	(a)	23,226 Scirea, Silipo o.g.
Milan	2-1	(h)	52,478 Boninsegna (pen), Causio
Verona	0-0	(a)	43,780 —
Cesena	3-2	(h)	28,689 Benetti 2, Bettega
Torino	1-1	(a)	66,003 Causio
Fiorentina	3-1	(a)	34,447 Cabrini, Benetti, Bettega
Bologna	2-1	(h)	53,505 Boninsegna (pen), Bettega
Perugia	1-1	(a)	30,816 Causio
Napoli	2-1	(h)	45,255 Bettega, Furino
Inter	2-0	(a)	79,166 Gori, Tardelli
Roma	1-0	(h)	51,879 Bettega
Sampdoria	2-0	(a)	54,000 Bettega, Boninsegna



Juventus goalkeeper Dino Zoff (left) with Italy team mate Capello.

ITALIAN LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	30	23	5	2	50	20	51
Torino	30	21	8	1	51	14	50
Fiorentina	30	12	11	7	38	32	35
Inter	30	10	13	7	34	27	33
Lazio	30	10	11	9	34	28	31
Perugia	30	9	11	10	32	28	29
Napoli	30	9	11	10	38	38	29
Roma	30	9	10	11	27	33	28
Verona	30	7	14	9	26	32	28
Milan	30	5	17	8	30	33	27
Genoa	30	8	11	11	40	45	27
Bologna	30	8	11	11	24	31	27
Foggia	30	10	6	14	33	39	26
Sampdoria	30	6	12	12	28	42	24
Catanzaro	30	7	7	16	26	43	21
Cesena	30	3	8	19	22	48	14

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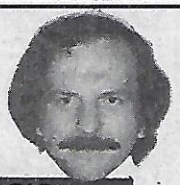

PETER GEORGIOU of the 'Hellenic Herald'

"Οποιος παρακολούθησε τόν ἀγώνα τοῦ 'Αλεξάνδρου ἐναντίον τῆς Γιουβέντους 'Αδελαΐδος τήν Κυριακή δὲν μποροῦσε παρά νά διαπιστώσει ὅτι ἡ ὁμάδα τῆς Μελβούρνης δὲν εἶχε τίποτα νά ζηλ/έψει ἀπό τίς «κατά τό ὄνομα» μεγάλες ὁμάδες τοῦ Σύδνεϋ.

Κατ' ἀρχήν ἔπιασε ἕνα ἀπό τά καλύτερα παιγνίδια της, πράγμα πού τήν ἀνέβασε πιό πολύ στά μάτια τῶν ὀπαδῶν καθώς καί στά μάτια τῶν ἀντιπάλων του.

Κανείς σήμερα δὲν μπορεί νά ἀμφισβητήσει ὅτι ὁ 'Αλέξανδρος εἶναι ἡ πιό προοδευμένη ὁμάδα τῆς Βικτωρίας, ἄξια ἐκπρόσωπος τῆς Μελβούρνης καί τῶν φιλάθλων της.

Κυττάζοντας πίσω δὲν μποροῦμε νά ποῦμε ὅτι ὁ Μέγας ξεκίνησε ἄσχημα στήν πεῖρόδο ἄν σκεφτοῦμε ὅτι ἄλλες ξεκίνησαν μὲ πολύ καλύτερες προοπτικές καί σήμερα βρίσκονται σὲ χειρότερη βαθμολογική θέση ἀπό τόν Μέγα καί μάλιστα ὁμάδες πού προέρχονται ἀπό τὸ Σύδνεϋ.

'Η ἀλλαγή προπονητοῦ ἔπαιξε τόν ρόλο της στήν τελική πορεία τῆς ὁμάδος.

Καί ἄλλες ὁμάδες μιμήθηκαν τόν Μέγα στό θέμα τοῦ προπονητοῦ ἀλλά μὲ λιγώτερη ἐπιτυχία κι αὐτό διότι ὁ Μέγας εἶχε ἕνα βασικό ἀτοῦ στά χέρια του. Παῖκτες καί μάλιστα ἀρκετούς καί ἱκανούς γιά τήν πρώτη ὁμάδα. Τό μόνο πού εἶχε νά κάνει ὁ νέος προπονητής ἦταν νά μοντάρει τήν ὁμάδα σ' ἕνα πειθαρχημένο σύνολο καί τ' ἀποτελέσματα δείχνουν ὅτι ὁ κ. Μαργαρίτης τό ἔχει πετύχει χωρίς ὅμως —ὅπως καί ὁ Ἴδιος παραδέχεται— νά ἔχουν καλυφθεῖ ὁλόκληρα ὅλα τά κενά τῆς ὁμάδας.

'Ο πρώην προπονητής τῆς ὁμάδας κ. "Ανταμ εἶχε προβλέψει πρωτοῦ ἀκόμα ἀρχίσει τό πρωτάθλημα ὅτι ὁ 'Αλέξανδρος θά κατέλληγε μέσα στούς τέσσερις πρώτους. Φυσικά τότε ὁμολόγιζε ὅτι θά κατέλληγε ἐκεῖ μὲ προπονητή τόν Ἴδιον. Δὲν ξέρουμε ἄν πίστευε περισσότερο στίς δικές του ἱκανότητες ἤ στίς ἱκανότητες τῶν παικτῶν πού ἔχει φέρει, ἀποδείχτηκε ὅμως ὅτι ὡρισμένοι ἀπό τούς παῖκτες «διαμάντια» γιά τόν Μέγα ὅπως οἱ Ταϊλλορ, Κάμπελ Πρόβαν, Μακμίλλαν, ποσοστό ὄχι καί τόσο εὐκαταφρόνητο γιά τόν ἀριθμό παικτῶν πού ἔφερε.

Τελικά ὁ Μέγας κατέληξε μέσα στούς τέσσερις μὲ διαφορά τερμάτων καί ἀνέβηκε στήν κορυφή τῶν ὁμάδων τῆς Μελβούρνης.

'Η ἐπιτυχία του εἶναι ἀποτέλεσμα σκληρῆς δουλειᾶς ὁλοκλήρου τοῦ συλλόγου καί δίκαια σήμερα τυγχάνει τῆς διαφημιστικῆς καμπάνιας πού γίνεται σάν 'Ελληνική ὁμάδα, σάν ὁμάδα πού ξεκίνησε μὲ παῖκτες πού δὲν ἔλαμπαν σάν ἀστέρια ἀλλά πού λάμπουν σήμερα σάν μέλη τῆς ἑνδεκάδος του.

'Η ἐπιτυχία τοῦ Μέγα μέχρι σήμερα ἀναγνωρίστηκε καί ἀπό τούς φιλάθλους τοῦ Σύδνεϋ καί 'Αδελαΐδας.

'Ακόμη καί Μελβουρνιώτικη 'Ελληνική ἐφημερίδα στήν ὁποία ὁ Μέγας ἐκτός ἀπό τήν μέρα πού κέρδισε τό πρωτάθλημα Βικτωρίας δὲν εἶδε προβολή παραπάνω ἀπ' ὅτι ἐπέτρεπε ἕνα μονόστηλο, ἄρχισε νά ἐνδιαφέρεται γιά τήν 'Ελληνική ὁμάδα ἐνῶ στό Νάσιοναλ Λήγκ ὑπάρχουν δύο ἑλληνικές ὁμάδες ἀπό τήν Μελβούρνη καί τήν ἀπόσπαση τοῦ βαθμολογικοῦ πίνακα κι ἄν καταλήξει φέτος ὁ Μέγας θά εἶναι ὁπωσδήποτε τιμητική γιά τήν 'Ελληνική ὁμάδα καί αὐτούς πού ἔχουν πάρει τίς τύχες της στά χέρια τους.

Νομίζουμε ὅτι εἶναι καιρός οἱ ἐθνόντες τοῦ ποδοσφαίρου πού ἐδρεύουν ἐν Σύδνεϋ καί ἰδιαίτερα οἱ ἐκλέκτορες τῆς 'Εθνικῆς ὁμάδας ν' ἀρχίσουν νά ρίχνουν μιά ματιά γιά μελλοντικούς παῖκτες τῆς ἀντιπροσωπευτικῆς ἑνδεκάδας στίς πιό φορμαρισμένες καί μονταρισμένες ὁμάδες τῆς χώρας.

Αὐτή τήν στιγμή ὁ 'Αλέξανδρος ἀνήκει σ' αὐτό τό γκρούπ τῶν ὁμάδων.

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Philips League Club Directory

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ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS

GPO Box 1262L, Adelaide 5001

SPONSORED BY: Living Insurance and Living Travel.

PRESIDENT: Charlie Caruso Ph. 51 6740
SECRETARY: Carmine Picarello Ph. 337 0241
GROUND: Olympic Sports Field Kensington
COACH: Edmund Kreft
COLOURS: Black/white.

This week's match: v MOOROOLBARK UNITED at Olympic Sports Field (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30.

BRISBANE CITY

P.O. Box 285 BROADWAY, BRISBANE 4001
Club Phone: 356 8834

Sponsored by Living Insurance and Alitalia Airlines

Teams: PSL seniors, First Division team Spencer Park United, 15 junior teams from under 6 to under 18.
PSL home ground: Perry Park (Queensland soccer headquarters).
First Division ground: Spencer Park, Newberry St., Newmarket.
Secretary: Guido Canale, 52 4711.
Coach: Nero Saftich

This week's match: v SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.

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BRISBANE LIONS

Address	The Coconut Grove, Lilac St., Inala. Phone 372 2891.
Secretary	Simon Boeghelm Phone 372 2891.
Coach	Les Sheinflug.
1st Div. Coach	Julius Vincze.
Teams	PSL Brisbane Lions, Ground Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne. Phone 52 5328.
1st Div. Team	Name Richlands Windmills.
Ground	The Lions Stadium, Pine Rd., Richland. Phone 372 2989.
Colours	All orange with blue stripe.
Junior teams	20. From under 7 to under 18.

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This week's match: v EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 1 pm.

CANBERRA CITY

P.O. BOX 7, CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600

Secretary	Hal Lesley 81 1313
Coach	Johnny Warren 88 7886
Ground	Manuka Oval, Manuka.
Teams	PSL seniors and reserves in ACT First Division
Reserve coach:	Vic Fernandez
Reserve ground:	Narrabundah Oval
Colors	Yellow with blue trim.
Sponsored by	Brian Pollock Motors

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This week's match: v ST. GEORGE at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

MARCONI at Seiffert Oval (Canberra) 7.30 pm tonight (deferred match).

FITZROY ALEXANDER

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Acting president: Steve Williams 41 6762
Secretary: Sam Karanikolopoulos 41 3048 (private).
Coach: John Magarites
Reserves coach: Con Foudoulis.
Teams: PSL Seniors, Metro League Second Division team, juniors under 11 to under 17.
PSL ground: Olympic Park Sundays and Middle Park Saturdays.
Second Division ground: Fitzroy Cricket Ground.
Second Div coach: C. Glorgousis.
Colors: Black and gold.

This week's match: v FOOTSCRAY JUST at Olympic Park Sunday 3 pm.

WESTERN SUBURBS at Englefield Stadium (Sydney) tonight Wednesday (deferred match).

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Manager-coach; Cedo Cirkovic
Secretary; Harry iser, 37 Shoobra Rd., Elsternwick, Vic. Phone 391 3231.
Assistant Secretary; Lou Tonovski, 46 Molesworth St., Coburg Vic phone 350 2147.
Ground; Middle Park on Saturdays, Olympic Park on Sundays.
Second Division ground Schintler Reserve, Footscray.

This week's match: v FITZROY ALEXANDER at Olympic Park Sunday 3 pm.

HAKOAH EASTERN SUBURBS

61 HALL ST., BONDI

Secretary: L. K. Lakmaker, 30 3344 (mornings), 663 4576 (afternoons).
Coach: Gerry Chaldi
Assistant: J. Lissing
Ground ; Wentworth Park
Sponsored by: Sport Fashions

This week's match: v BRISBANE LIONS at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 1 pm.

MARCONI

Sponsored by	Rosso Antico
Manager-coach:	Rale Rasic, Marconi club, 604 5222
Junior sec.:	Mick Daniel, 604 5222.
Ground	Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park.
Teams	PSL seniors, two under 19s, under 12, under 13, under 14, under 15, under 16.

This week's match: v WESTERN SUBURBS at Marconi Oval Sunday 3 pm (TV match).

CANBERRA CITY at Seiffert Oval ¼Canberra) 7.30 pm tonight (deferred match).

MOOROOLBARK UNITED

Secretary: Malcolm Jones.
Manager-coach: Brian Edgley. Phone No. Bus 735 5773
Correspondence: P.O. Box 35, Mooroolbark 3138.
Teams: Philips Soccer League Seniors, Second Division Seniors, Second Division Reserves, 16 Junior Teams Under 7-16.
Philips Soccer League home ground: Middle Park for Saturday T.V. games. Wembley Park, Canterbury Road, Box Hill for Sunday fixtures.
Second Division Ground: Esther Park, Esther Crescent, Mooroolbark. Phone No: 726 0244
Junior Secretary: Bill Laven, Phone No. 728 2482.

This week's match: v ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS at Olympic Sports Field (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30.

MISS S.M. HELLAS QUEST CONTESTANT 1977

NAME: Xarikleia Souranis. **AGE:** 17
PLACE OF BIRTH: Pretoria, South Africa.
OCCUPATION: School student Form 5 at Highett High School.
OTHER INTERESTS: Swimming, cooking, soccer.
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SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS

Secretary	Nick Sagiakos. Phone 53 6196 A.H. (Day 211 1247)
Coach	C. Xanthopoulos.
Teams	PSL Seniors and Reserves in
Second Div. coach:	T. Mantarakis.
Colours	Blue, White.
Junior Teams	Under 11 to Under 17.
Ground:	Middle Park.

This week's match: v WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS at Middle Park (Melbourne) Saturday 3 pm.

Judging will take place December 3rd at Melbourne Town House.

ST. GEORGE B.S.C.

Club: 84 Victoria Ave., Mortdale

Soccer president Alex Pongrass, 666 9229
Secretary: Les Bordacs, 269 2756
Coach: I. Takac 579 6977
Ground: Sydney Sports Ground
Colors: white, red and green.

This week's match: v CANBERRA CITY at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC S.F.C.

President	M. Kontos. Phone 51 0444 ext. 8261.
General manager:	John Thompson, 982 1728
Secretary	N. Smilos Phone 88 1337
Coach	Kaz Kulak
Ground	Wentworth Park
Colours	Blue and White
Teams	PSL and 2 reserve teams
Reserves coach:	A. Antoniadis
Sponsored by	Olympic Airway and City Ford.

This week's match: v BRISBANE CITY at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS

Correspondence to:	Box 1130 GPO Adelaide, 5001
President	Dr Arthur Zalkos
Coach	Billy Birch
Asst. Coach:	Mike Wells.
Team manager:	Jim Carapetis.
Reserves coach:	Kyp Stathi.
Home ground	Hindmarsh Stadium, Hindmarsh.
Senior secretary:	E. Koutelas, 51 4307
Junior secretary:	M. Papazoglou, 43 7736

This week's match: v SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS at Middle Park (Melbourne) Saturday 3 pm.

WESTERN SUBURBS SOCCER CLUB

Clubrooms: 4 William St., Five Dock N.S.W. Phone 713 8672
President: — G. G. Liddell Phone 73 3541
Sec/Mgr: — G. Stratford 713 6539
Mgr/Coach: — M. Lainz 713 8672
P.S.L. Ground: — Englefield Stadium, Dural.
Colours: — Black & White
Teams: — P.S.L. & 2 Reserve Teams — U/11 to U/16 Jnrs.
Jnr. Sec: — L. Grimes Phone 713 2660
Supporters Club Sec: — Miss G. Evans Phone 76 7151

This week's match: v MARCONI at Marconi Oval Sunday 3 pm (TV match).

FITZROY ALEXANDER at Englefield Stadium (Sydney) tonight (Wednesday). (Deferred match).

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